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Efforts to implement UN resolution to be intensified

## GCC will work for Gulf peace

**Sheikh Saad to meet Reagan on July 12**

DURING his forthcoming visit to the United States, HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla will have talks with President Reagan, and give several interviews to the media.

The Crown Prince will also meet a number of American cabinet officials and Congressmen to discuss bilateral issues, and the situation in the Gulf.

Sheikh Saad will visit the US from July 10-14 on an invitation from Reagan.

Sheikh Saad will meet Reagan on July 12 and have lunch with him.

This will be Sheikh Saad's first visit to Washington.

### Interviews

Kuwait's Ambassador to the United States, Sheikh Saad Nasir said that a number of television stations and leading newspapers in America wanted to interview Sheikh Saad, due to Kuwait's proximity to the Iraqi war, its support for peace, and its firm stand in countering international terrorism.

The premier has agreed to give these interviews due to the critical phase the region is passing through and to enlighten the world on the position of Kuwait.

He will also meet Kuwaiti students studying in the US.

an unequivocal response insisting that Iraq must first be branded the aggressor.

The communiqué noted: "The council renewed its determination to work with all force to secure implementation of the resolution and in this connection, the council will increase its contacts and intensify its efforts to resort to all necessary steps to guarantee implementation of the resolution."

A communiqué issued at the end of a two-day meeting of the GCC's ministerial council declared it has taken steps "it hopes will contribute to easing tension and lead to implementation of the resolution." It did not elaborate.

### Hope

The council is chaired by Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister, Prince Saud Al Faisal, and comprises its counterparts from Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

The council expressed the hope that Tehran will "respond seriously to the international efforts so that peace, security and stability prevail in the region in the interest of all parties."

The UN Security Council passed the resolution last July 20. Iraq said it would abide by the resolution if Iran did.

But Tehran has failed to give

Gulf war, Lebanon's civil war and moves to reinstate Egypt in the 22-member Arab League.

The communiqué expressed the hope the summit will achieve "comprehensive Arab reconciliation that erases conflicts and provides a comprehensive and constructive co-operation that places the supreme Arab interests above other considerations."

### Support

The Arab League suspended Egypt's membership because Cairo signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979.

In his opening address, Saudi stressed Arab's "sacred duty" to support the six-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

He stressed the need for a "well studied" Arab plan of action to boost the impact of the uprising and help Palestinians attain an independent homeland.

Despite Saudi's opening remarks, the Palestinian issue was given secondary priority in the communiqué.

Saudi said the uprising "should pave the way for a serious move

to attain the just and lasting solution to the Palestinian problem, indicating support for an early solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict."

But the communiqué merely pledged continued GCC "political and material support to help the uprising attain its objectives" and expressed "pride in its valiant steadfastness."

Saudi Arabia is the year's chairman of the GCC, a security and economic alliance.

The Algiers summit is expected to devise a collective stand on US Middle East peace proposals.

### Delegated

The communiqué said that Saudi was delegated to sign an economic co-operation pact between the GCC and the European Economic Community to facilitate EEC imports of GCC petrochemicals.

Kuwait's Deputy Premier, Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed returned home today after attending the GCC meeting.

On arrival at Kuwaiti Sheikh Sabah said the council viewed with admiration the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab lands.

**Interim government should be formed in Afghanistan: Zia**

From Ashraf Shah  
In Islamabad

**PRESIDENT** Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan has said he believes that an interim government should be formed in Afghanistan comprising all the factions (of mujahideen).

The share in the government should be based on the influence and the level of power wielded by each faction, he told the Arab Times in an exclusive interview.

On Pakistan's stand on the present Afghan government, the President commented that it still remains unchanged.

He said: "We do not recognise the Najib government and see no effective role of Najib in the future government."

However, he felt that if an agreed interim government were formed, then the present ruling party should be considered for inclusion — even if such representation were 20 per cent.

### Propaganda

Zia said: "The last word has not been said about Afghanistan, that is yet to come."

Describing as mere propaganda the reports that Afghan mujahideen have intensified attacks, he said the mujahideen have only captured areas vacated by Soviet forces. He does not believe that the mujahideen will try to disrupt the withdrawal of the Soviet troops.

The Soviet forces started to leave Afghanistan from May 15 under a United Nations-mediated accord signed in Geneva.

On the question as to how long

the Najib government will last, the president said it was difficult to give any date at this stage. He commented that the actual strength of the Najib government could not be estimated until Soviet withdrawal was completed.

### Refugees

He said the repatriation of Afghan refugees will depend on how the Afghan situation develops between now and the next five or six months.

"It is a big logistic exercise."

There are over three million Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

He said if the situation remains calm the refugees may start returning after five or six months.

"But if another civil war starts then more refugees may come to Pakistan," Zia said.

### Relations

He said he still regards the withdrawal of the Soviet forces as the miracle of the 20th century.

He described claims that Pakistan is regarded by the United States as a frontline state as false.

"After the Geneva accord we foresaw not only the continuation of relations between Pakistan and the US on firmer ground but also a very good relationship with the Soviet Union," he said.

"It is in the interest of Pakistan to have friendly relations with Soviet Union."

He said Pakistan wants to bring the relationship with Soviet Union at least to the same level as they were two years ago.

He added: "The relationship with the US is not dependent solely on the Afghan issue. There are other factors of this friend-



Zia: miracle

ship, which will continue until the interests of both the countries are served."

Zia said India's recent move to play a role in Afghanistan might be well intended.

"India's intention may be good but it cannot be viewed innocently in Pakistan," he said.

He also revealed that India had told Pakistan that on the Afghan issue they could only give a silent support, as they would not like to talk against Soviet Union.

Denying that Pakistan is helping the separatist Sikh movement, Zia said there is no imminent danger on the borders.

"India shouldn't try to make the relations worse," he said.

"We should not let it go out of hand, because Pakistan is not involved in this."

### Economy

Rather, he said, Pakistan feels that India is involved in the subversive activities in Sind.

The President said India did not agree to a Pakistani proposal to sign an accord of non-interference in each other's internal affairs.

He said that during martial law rule, between 1977 and 1984, he had tried to make the economy of Pakistan stable.

On the explosion at the Ojhri

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## Iran sends raw recruits to front

**Israel on a 'dead-end street'**

## Shultz warns of a new Mideast war

pointedly challenged the right-wing Israeli leader's refusal to trade occupied territory for peace.

"The continued occupation of the West Bank and Gaza is the frustration of Palestinian rights is a dead-end street. The belief that this can continue is an illusion," he said.

After visiting Amman and Cairo yesterday, Shultz said Jordan was unwilling to enter negotiations without an assurance that Israel would make territorial concessions.

Sbamir's right-wing Likud bloc regards the entire West Bank and Gaza Strip as part of the historic land of Israel, a key to Israeli security, and not a subject for negotiation.

At least 210 Palestinians and three Israelis have died in a month-old Arab uprising against Israeli occupation.

US Soviet officials have

said Moscow and Washington

have moved closer on Middle

East peace efforts but still differ over the role and powers of an international peace conference.

In remarks to reporters, Shamir expressed gratitude for the American briefing and for the signing of a US-Israeli memorandum of agreement.

Shultz' stalled peace plan calls for a largely ceremonial international peace conference to launch direct Arab-Israeli talks on Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories, with early negotiations on the final status of the areas.

Shamir rejects the peace conference. Arab states want a fully-powered conference attended by all parties including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), and an Israeli commitment to withdraw from the occupation zone.

Palestinians set tyres ablaze and flew PLO flags in the occupied lands today on the third day of a general strike called to protest the Shultz visit.

### Absconding

Khamis is still at large. The five were charged with bombing, possessing weapons and explosives, making explosives, planning to kill state security officials and using force against prison officers.

Kuwait has blamed pro-Iranian militants for dozens of bomb blasts during the past few years.

Two Kuwaitis were killed as they attempted to plant a bomb on May 19. Other bombs damaged the office of an American car hire firm on May 7 and wrecked the office of Saudia airlines on April 27.

## Libya raps US

ROME, June 5. (AP): The official Libyan news agency JANA today denounced the US government for saying groups supported by Libya were the "prime suspects" in a spate of recent attacks against Americans and US facilities around the world.

The agency, monitored in Rome, denied the allegations it claimed were made to undermine Libya's Arab unity, and to force Libya to retreat from its "support of the massive popular revolution in occupied Palestine."

US State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said in Washington on Friday that groups which have received support from Libya are prime suspects in recent attacks against US and Western European interests.

## Damage to Iranian embassy in London

## UK may pay compensation



Awad: activist

## Awad's deportation upheld

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 5. (Agencies): Israel's supreme court today upheld a government order to deport Arab-American Mubarak Awad, 44, an advocate of civil disobedience against Israeli rule in the occupied territories.

The court turned down Awad's appeal and said the Jerusalem-born, US citizen "harms the security and public order" in Israel, does not have a legal residence permit and is in Israel under an expired visa in his American passport.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir ordered him deported in May.

The ruling came only a few hours before the arrival here of US Secretary of State George Shultz, who had protested the deportation order to Awad.

Shultz told reporters he mentioned the Awad case in his meeting with Shamir.

But an aide to Shamir said he doubted the order would be reversed.

"I don't see any change. The court has ruled. He will be deported. The prime minister's signature is valid," the aide said.

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The Sofres private polling institute predicted the Socialists and their allies would win 290-310 seats in the 577-seat National Assembly.

The centre-right coalition headed by former Prime Minister Jacques Chirac refused to concede defeat and called for mobilisation to beat the Socialists in the second round.

The first projections, issued as

polling booths closed, belied the opinion polls which had suggested the Socialists would have a majority of up to 100 seats.

At the political extremes, both the Communist Party and the far right National Front suffered in seats due to the majority voting system which penalises smaller parties.

The Communists were seen falling from 35 seats to around 10. But they increased their share of the vote.

### Turnout

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## INTERNATIONAL

**18 hostages held in south Beirut, says UK paper**

LONDON, June 5. (Reuter): A British newspaper said that 18 Western hostages, including British church envoy Terry Waite, were being held in a former school building in south Beirut by Iranian-backed Hezbollah officers.

The Mail on Sunday quoted officials of the Syrian-backed Amal militia as saying the hostages were brought to the building during recent fighting in south Beirut.

It said Amal informers saw two Iranian diplomatic cars with blackened windows bringing blackfolded men to the building.

The newspaper printed a front-page photograph of the partly ruined concrete building it dubbed a "Hostage Hilton" and said Waite, missing since January, 1987, was held along with others in tiny, dark basement cells.

"The whole area has been partitioned into tiny cells," it quoted an Amal officer as saying. "We know that they are there and they are alive. But any attempt to take them by force will only result in bloodshed."

**Secret**  
The secret prisoners are sealed off from the others. Lebanese prisoners are held on the ground floor and the guards told us that even they are not allowed to go underground where the foreign hostages are held," the officer said.

Hezbollah officers guarded the building which flew an Iranian flag.

Waite, 50, disappeared in January, 1987, and is believed to have been kidnapped, like other British, US, Irish and West German hostages, by radical groups.

His captors have not publicly set any conditions for his release.

**Algeria, Morocco reopen border**

ALGIERS, June 5. (AP): The frontier between Algeria and Morocco officially reopened at midnight today as arranged under an agreement that re-established diplomatic links between the two North African neighbours 20 days ago.

Diplomatic relations were restored on May 16 and the reopening of the border was announced June 1 during a visit to Rabat, Morocco, by Algerian Interior Minister Hedi Khedir.

In announcing the opening of four border stations, two on each side, the official Algerian news agency said the "event confirms the will of both countries to reaffirm their fraternal ties and become good neighbours."

The border had been closed for more than a dozen years following a rupture in diplomatic relations provoked by Algerian support for the Polisario guerrillas, waging a war against Morocco in the Western Sahara.

**Gunmen withdrawn to ensure presidential election****Lebanon prepares for polls**

BEIRUT, June 5. (Reuter): The planned withdrawal of Amal fighters from Syrian-held areas in Lebanon is part of a calculated move to ensure presidential election take place, analysts and diplomats say.

Pro-Syrian political sources said the move was a Syrian-inspired one to help Damascus bargain for the withdrawal of Muslim and Christian gunmen from Beirut before the August elections.

Lebanon's Christian President Amin Gemayel is due to end his six-year term in September.

**Defeat**

Berri said on Friday he was withdrawing his estimated 30,000 gunmen from Syrian-controlled areas although he gave no date for the withdrawal to begin.

He said some would be redeployed at Beirut's frontline

against the Christians, but the majority would be sent south to confront Israel.

Diplomats said the Amal's decision was an indirect admission of its military defeat by Iranian-backed Hezbollah fighters in 22 days of battles at Beirut's southern suburbs which killed 500 people.

Hezbollah won 90 per cent of the southern suburbs during the fighting which ended on April 29 when Syrian peacekeeping troops took control of the battle-scarred streets.

**Control**

"Berri's move to re-deploy his militiamen was both clever and useful. Clever because it was an admission of the results of the fighting in the suburbs and useful because it presents a pretext to Syria to pressure other militias who refuse to give up their

arms," said one diplomat.

"Syria can now tell the Americans and the Christians that it has almost complete control of the Muslim part of Beirut and that the same should happen in the Christian East before the elections," said one source.

Syria — the main power broker in Lebanon — and Washington have been negotiating in the past months over political reforms in Lebanon to ensure smooth polls and US envoys have been shuttling between Beirut and Damascus.

Damascus has called for a new central administration to run greater Beirut, bringing the Muslim and Christian sectors under the control of the Lebanese Army and ending militia rule.

Christian hardliners who run the Eastern sector of the city say they will accept a central admin-

istration only if Syria withdraws from the capital and if the election for a successor to the Christian President goes ahead as planned.

**Negotiations**

US State Department envoy April Glaspie was expected back in Syria and Lebanon within days to resume negotiations on paving way for the elections.

Diplomats say the latest talks will centre around reforms to give the majority Muslims more power in the political system dominated by Christians and set up the central administration for greater Beirut before the elections.

More than 4,000 Syrian troops deployed in the suburbs last weekend to end the battles which them control of all Muslim areas of the Lebanese capital.

**Najib leaves for New York****Pravda blasts Pakistan**

MOSCOW, June 5. (Reuter): The Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda accused Pakistan's President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq today of inciting Muslim rebels to continue the Afghan war in violation of last April's Geneva accords.

The tough commentary was published as Afghan President Najibullah left Moscow for New York to attend a special United Nations General Assembly session on disarmament. He held talks with Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday.

Pravda accused Pakistan of moving Afghan guerrilla bases from border areas to its interior in order to mislead UN monitoring personnel, and of deploying some rebel groups in southern Afghanistan instead of disarming them.

Gorbachev accused Pakistan on Wednesday of trying to scuttle the peace accords, warning that further attacks against Soviet troops could damage talks on other regional conflicts.

Gorbachev said attacks continued after a Soviet troop withdrawal began last month even though Moscow had pledged to

half all combat operations.

Pravda said Moscow and Kabul were strictly complying with UN-mediated accords signed in Geneva in mid-April. The accords, under which the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan began on May 15, called for an end to foreign interference.

Meanwhile, Najibullah has appointed four vice-presidents to his Soviet-backed government, the official Bakhtar news agency said.

The four vice-presidents include outgoing Defence Minister Lieutenant-General Mohammad Rafiq and Abdul Rahim Hafez, president of the country's high commission for national reconciliation.

The other two were named as Abdul Hamid Muhtad and Abdul Wahid Sarohi.

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**Fears of fundamentalism dismissed****Ershad defends Islamisation**

DHAKA, June 5. (Reuter): President Hossain Mohammad Ershad defended his plans to make Islam the state religion of Bangladesh, rejecting the claims of critics who say it will tend towards fundamentalism.

"Islam never retards any aspect of social progress or encourages fundamentalism," he told a meeting of the ruling Jatiya Party last night.

"My government neither subscribes to fundamentalism nor is it dogmatic or reactionary."

Ershad made the remarks after nearly 500 opposition politicians, lawyers, teachers, journalists, workers and other professionals staged a rally in Dhaka yesterday to protest against the Islamic bill now being debated in parliament.

Meanwhile, four people have been machine-gunned to death in the last week of May about

2,000 members of Bangladeshi minority groups staged a noisy demonstration in Dhaka aimed at blocking the bill.

The minorities, including Hindus, Christians and Buddhists, said making Islam the state religion in Bangladesh, the world's third largest Muslim country after Indonesia and Pakistan, would jeopardise communal harmony.

But Ershad said that Bangladesh was free from inter-faith rivalry. "People from all faiths live like brothers and sisters."

**Violence**

Major opposition parties have denounced the move as unnecessary and aimed only at diverting people's attention from economic and other problems.

Meanwhile, four people have been machine-gunned to death in

the last week of May about

southern Bangladesh where a tribal campaign for autonomy has so far claimed more than 1,500 lives, officials said.

They said Shanti Bahini guerrillas attacked a group of woodcutters in Kumaripara in Kharagchhari district of Chittagong Hill Tracts yesterday afternoon, killing two of them.

Shortly afterwards, a Bengali-speaking couple died when the Shanti opened fire at nearby Maghaisar village. The guerrillas went on to set fire to the couple's home.

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## Kuwait's stand hailed

LEBANESE Interior Minister Abdallah Al Rassi yesterday hailed Kuwait courageous stance during the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airplane by not giving in to terrorism.

The minister in an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper said that he had given orders to Beirut's airport authorities to prevent the landing of the hijacked plane after leaving the Iranian airport of Mashhad.

### Obstruct

Answering a question on the participation of some Lebanese citizens in the hijacking, he said investigations are still underway to find out, but till now we have no official information on the presence of Lebanese among the hijackers.

On Lebanese coming elections, he ruled out the possibility

of postponing presidential elections, affirming that they will be held in time this summer.

Meanwhile Al Rassi warned that Israel will try to obstruct the elections to retain their achievement in Lebanon, but said the Lebanese people with strong Syrian backing will resist this attempt.

The Lebanese officials said the would-be-president should enjoy special characteristics and should believe in the Arab identity of Lebanon and its unity.

He also has to be able to dissolve all the militias on the Lebanese land, he added.

He concluded by noting that the Lebanese passports used in the assassination of deputy commander of PLO revolutionary armed forces Khalil Al Wazir last April 16 were forged.

## Sheikh Zayed to attend Arab summit

ABU DHABI, June 5, (KUNA): United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan will leave for Algiers tomorrow to participate in the emergency summit which will commence Tuesday, it was announced here today.

UAE's President will lead a delegation grouping Supreme Council member and ruler of Umm Al Quain Rashid Bin Ahmed Al Mulla, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Mana Saeed Al Oteiba, in addition to Minister of State for Interior Affairs Hammuda Bin Ali, and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdulla, and other senior officials.

## Hussein-Peres meeting report denied

THE Moroccan embassy in Kuwait today denied Lebanese press reports claiming the Moroccan Premier Izz Al Adeal Laraki conveyed message to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak from King Hassan II on hosting a meeting bringing together President Mubarak, King Hussein of Jordan and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Perez.

The Moroccan Ambassador in Kuwait, Abdel Wahid Bin Mesaoud told Kuna that his embassy "categorically denied the report."

He added that the claim "is derived from a source used to lie and publish fabricated news."

He declared that the source is trying at the same time to abort the sincere efforts aiming at unifying Arab ranks.

## Municipality rejects request

THE municipality affairs committee at a meeting held recently, rejected a request by the Kuwaiti Company for Stores and Refrigeration Industry to utilise some plots allocated to the vegetable market in Al Shuwaikh area. Further, the director general of Kuwait Municipality disclosed that the municipality was working in close cooperation with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to add Al Rai area to the third plot at Al Shuwaikh industrial area and to remove the present food shops operating in the area.

## Carmel School secures hundred per cent success

CARMEL School has secured a hundred per cent success in the X Al India Secondary examination held in March 1988.

The following were the grades: 15 distinctions, 44 Division I, 22 Division II with over 50 students securing above 75 per cent in individual subjects.

Anita Chugha was first with an aggregate of 87.2 per cent.

Linta Samuel 85.6 per cent, Caroline Fernandes and Reau John Thomas 80.4 per cent and 80.2 per cent, marks respectively.

The following students secured 89 per cent marks in English which are the highest in Kuwait — Anita Chugha, Carmel Sandra D'Souza, Anjana Shahani and Ansy Mary Abram.

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## Anita

Linta

## Distribution of housing plots

THE Public Housing Authority announced yesterday distribution of the last stage of residential plots in the South Rabiya Housing Project for Kuwaiti applicants who applied not later than January 30, 1979.

This stage includes the distribution of 131 plots with area of 400 square metres. It is the second part of the project design-

ned to provide accommodation for 424 Kuwaiti families. The first part was distributed in February of this year.

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# Cabinet briefed on Arab summit delegation

THE Council of Ministers yesterday held its weekly meeting under the chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

Following conclusion of the meeting, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdulaziz Al Rashed stated that the conferees were informed about the formation of the delegation that will accompany HH the Amir during the forthcoming extraordinary Arab summit that will take place in Algiers next Tuesday.

The council hoped that the urgent Arab summit will yield fruitful results that materialise expectations and aspirations of the Arab people in finding unified stances towards facing challenges.

Al Rashed said the cabinet was briefed on the visit paid by head of the Lebanese progressive Socialist Party and Minister of Public Works and Communications.

## Arab leaders to converge on Algiers for summit

From Shaker Al Jouhari  
In Algiers

ARAB leaders will start arriving in Algiers from today to attend the extraordinary Arab summit called to discuss the six-month old Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories. The daily Al Seyassah learned that the majority of Arab leaders will personally attend the summit with the exception of the President of Somalia, Sultan Qaboos of Oman and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

The daily also learned that the Palestinian Liberation Organisation chairman, Yasser Arafat, will deliver a speech during the opening session of the summit which will centre on the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, the need to support it and the Arab position towards the US Secretary of State's peace initiative.

Until yesterday, it had not been decided to hold a meeting for the Arab foreign ministers, which usually precedes Arab summits, to chalk out the summit agenda, because the only topic to be discussed was the Palestinian uprising. However, the local daily has learned from confidential sources that the Arab summit will discuss several other Arab issues including the Iraq-Iran war and the intensification of the Saudi-Iran dispute on the pilgrimage (haj) arrangements. Additionally, some Arab delegations, especially the Jordanian one, may propose to officially re-admit Egypt to the Arab League. The Jordanian monarch will arrive in Algiers from Cairo.

During the summit, two work-

tions last week, which came within the framework of fraternal relations between Kuwait and Lebanon and their keenness for restoring stability and sovereignty of Lebanon.

Furthermore, the conferees listened to a report by Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad about the visit paid by Bahrain's Information Minister Tariq Abdulla Al Muayid, Al Rashed added.

### Environmental

Planning Minister Dr Abdurahman Al Awadi reported on the outcome of the first meeting of the executive office of the Arab ministerial council responsible for environmental affairs in the Arab world which tackled during its deliberations last week in Tunis means of curing environmental problems besides other relevant matters.

The Council of Ministers also discussed a number of reports dealing with latest developments

on the Arab and international arenas and tackled outcome of contacts and consultations on the Arab level seeking coordination of efforts towards the success of the upcoming Arab summit.

### Approved

Moreover, conferees took note of minutes of meeting no (9/89) of the committee for Municipality Affairs and discussed decisions adopted by the committee and ratified them.

Al Rashed stated that the Council of Ministers also approved resolutions taken by the permanent ministerial committee entrusted with following up implementation of rules and regulations of Kuwait's contribution in regional and international organisations and institutions.

A number of domestic matters were also discussed by the ministers who took necessary decisions about them, Al Rashed concluded.

changes can be expected if the uprising continues.

The Soviet leadership requested the Algerian president to ensure that the Arab summit does not issue any resolutions that would block the way for the Shultz plan.

### Representation

The main issue on the summit agenda will be a possible Palestinian-Jordanian clash over the independent representation of the Palestinian people. Jordan has threatened to attend the peace conference to demand the restoration of Jordanian lands only under Israeli occupation and would sever its links with the West Bank. But the other Arab sides will try to contain any such confrontation in the summit.

In another development, it was learned that leaders of the Arab Maghreb comprising Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Libya and Mauritania would hold an "open summit." This mini summit will have no agenda and the leaders will discuss all outstanding issues between these countries. Informed sources at the aforementioned daily report that the leaders will discuss the possibility of establishing a regional council similar to the GCC.

### Complain within six months

DR RASHA Al Sabah, the assistant rector for information and social services at Kuwait University, has said that the social services centre of the university offers various cultural services for the public as well as courses for trainees and workers in different sectors. She added that the centre had organised 50 specialised courses for different establishments and authorities since it was set up in 1976 and had served about 2,500 trainees. A further 70,000 people had benefited from the different programmes and courses offered at the centre. She also praised the unlimited support given by the administration of the university to the centre.



The Ambassador of Italy to Kuwait, Lucio Forattini, held a reception yesterday on the occasion of his country's National Day. The ambassador is seen receiving guests. (Picture by Ahmed Birouni)

## Downward trend in summer exodus

THE annual summer exodus from Kuwait showed a downward trend during the past few years, particularly, during 1985. Statistics reveal travel business witnessed a drop of 41 per cent between 1985 and 1986.

The Central Bank economic report supports this finding. The revenue from expatriates travelling abroad dropped to about KD243 million in 1986. Statistics published by the Ministry of Interior confirm the number of expatriate travellers decreased by 55.2 per cent in 1986 compared to 1985.

Touristic and travel offices in Kuwait did not advertise their group tours. They claimed the new law governing such tours had restrictions causing a big delay in advertising. Additionally, the new law directed airline offices to confirm reservations on planes and hotels and required them to pay KD500 to the Civil Aviation Department for each group tour. This was to ensure reservations were in fact confirmed and to safeguard the interest of the travelling group.

### Costs

Market sources indicated travelling is mostly directed towards countries like Turkey and Egypt, followed by Greece, Cyprus, Malta, and some Arab states such as Tunis and Morocco. The cost of tourism had increased this year from 10 to 20 per cent and consequently a

## Social services centre offers training courses

could register for the evening programmes.

Admission and registration are made in September for the fall session, in January for the spring session and in May for the summer session. The students should attend three hours a week and pass the required exams at the end of the session.

The centre offers language courses in Arabic, English, French, German, Spanish, Hebrew, Turkish, Farsi, Russian, Italian and Urdu. There are 18 programmes in business administration, accounting, statistics and insurance.

The centre also offers nine programmes of computer studies, three of secretarial sciences, four programmes of human sciences and three of law and sharia sciences. Dr Rasha also noted that 17 programmes of hobbies and life sciences were available.

He will meet Turkish Armed Forces Chief-of-Staff General Necip Torumay and Defence Minister Ercan Vuralhan before leaving on June 9.

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## ROYAL COURT

### Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received Sheikh Jaber Al Ali.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Shultz's shuttle tour

A KUWAITI daily yesterday warned against the current shuttle tour of American Secretary of State George Shultz, noting that it aims at aborting the uprising and save Israel's image.

Al Roi Al Aam recalled the previous American officials' tours to the region in the past years and said all of those came and they have one thing in mind, and it is Israel's security, peace and predominance."

The paper hoped that during Tuesday's emergency Arab summit, the Arab leaders "would put this fact in mind."

The daily called on the Arabs to realise that the current Palestinian uprising has attracted attention and added new dimensions "that were not available earlier."

### Call for military confrontation

ANOTHER Kuwaiti daily, Al Watan, yesterday stressed that the popular uprising in the occupied Arab lands is "an ideal response" to the Arab defeat in the war against Israel in June 1967, and called for military confrontation instead of the use of "stones."

The paper noted that the "tragic results" of this war, which is marked today, is still existing, indicating in that respect the sufferings of the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank residents from the Israeli occupation.

It elaborated that this war's anniversary coincides with the convocation of the emergency Arab summit, scheduled to be held today in Algeria, "after long months of the heroic uprising."

"Children, men and women in the occupied lands participated in the heroic struggle," the newspaper said and asked "will others participate in it too?"

### Amir's message praised

A KUWAITI weekly newspaper Al Ressolah, yesterday praised HH the Amir's message sent to the two superpowers that met in Moscow urging them to consider the world disputes in addition to the issues they were to discuss.

Al Ressolah in an editorial published yesterday expressed belief that the message in addition to reflecting a deep humanitarian dimensions also dealt with all issues of peace concern such as the Palestinian problem, the Lebanese crisis, the Gulf war and South Africa's racist policy.

The newspaper added that the message affirmed Kuwait's consistent responsibility toward our national causes in particular and the human issues in general.

## Sheikh Ibrahim in agricultural co-operation talks in Jordan

AMMAN, June 5 (KUNA): Visiting Kuwaiti board chairman and director-general of Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sabah, today met with Jordanian Premier, Zaid Al Refai.

In the one hour meeting, promoting co-operation between the two countries and particularly in the fields of agriculture was discussed.

The meeting was attended by Jordanian Agriculture Minister, Marwan Al Hamoud and Kuwaiti Charge d'Affaires here, Fadhal Bu Ghaith.

Sheikh Ibrahim also met today with Deputy Premier and Education Minister, Thouran Hindawi and reviewed promoting joint co-operation between scientific institutes in both countries.

Comprehensive talks are scheduled later today between Sheikh Ibrahim and the accompanying delegation and Agriculture Minister Marwan Al Hamoud and senior Jordanian officials from the Agriculture and Fish Resources in 1983.

### Baby with two heads

A KUWAITI woman gave birth to a baby with two heads at a local hospital last March.

Doctors believe they can find a surgical solution to this problem, since what appears to be a second head is in fact something more like a fat, hairy bag, but they are trying to determine whether surgical removal would have any effect on the brain.

The baby's condition is reported to be stable and good.



### Saudi Al Oujan and Brothers Company

#### Sole agents for Vimto

In Kuwait arranged for a draw and prize distribution of the grand lottery on Tuesday, May 31, 1988 at 4 pm at the Regency Palace Hotel. The draw was entitled "Summer refreshing drink 'VIMTO' Competition" by Saudi Al Oujan and Bros. Co.

The draw was supervised by the representatives of the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The draw, it was claimed, was not only the first of its kind in Kuwait, but in the Gulf itself. Prizes presented by the General Manager Fareed Al Oujan numbered 103 prizes and included a first prize of a Nissan Laurel car model 1988 — other prizes consisted of big refrigerators, video cameras, televisions, videos, food processors, mixers, cassettes, electric vacuums, washing machines and stereos.

Saudi Al Oujan and Bros. Co., while congratulating the winners of the VIMTO competition hoped that all VIMTO loving people would enjoy the future competitions, in which they would be treated to the tasty flavour of VIMTO.

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SECURITY men foiled an attempt to bring in the country a huge quantities of hashish and drugs, it was disclosed today. Public relations department at the Interior Ministry said in a statement that intelligence people at the Jahra Governorate arrested six Turkish men and one Syrian with 222 hashish bags and two million pills of drugs in their possession.

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Raj Kapoor: greatest romantic

By Fathima Ahmed

RAJ KAPOOR is a man who was a legend in his lifetime — what more can you say about him? In death, he has created a void — but the legend survives, not only on celluloid but also in the minds of millions of fans spread around the world — from his native India to the Soviet Union, China, Iran and the US.

An Indian critic, after visiting Russia, said there are "three heroes (in Russia): Jawaharlal Nehru, Raj Kapoor and Indira Gandhi, and not necessarily in that order."

For four decades Raj Kapoor reigned supreme and set traditions rewriting the history of romance on and off screen. Undoubtedly, he was the greatest romantic of the Indian silver screen, both as actor and director.

His passion for romance was infectious. When Raj looked into Nargis' eyes he inflamed you with passion.

A recent article on Raj the entertainer in an Indian magazine says the Raj-Nargis association "is the stuff great screen legends are made of" Barsaat, Awara, Shri 420 and Aag are some of films.

But it is the image of the Chaplinesque character of a lovable tramp of Awara that comes to mind each time you think of Raj Kapoor. Awara is one of the most memorable films from RK. His vulnerability and the little-boy-lost look in his blue, cat's eyes combined with his awkward gestures won over hearts. It is an image that lingers on; it has lingered in the minds of three generations of film-goers.

Raj's stirring social commentaries were wrapped in a neat package of high-voltage romance mixed with drama, music and dance. His obsession with women was obvious. He loved them, adored them, even worshipped them. He once remarked: "Women have always meant a lot to me." He also disrobed them; he did it aesthetically, and was never vulgar. The image of a sensual woman came into "bi" films from Jis Desh Mein Ganga Behti Hai. In the late forties and the fifties, Raj's films were romanticised, partly due to his

## Raj Kapoor: the legend lives on



Nargis with Raj: the chemistry worked, on and off screen

association with Nargis. A new kind of woman came to RK films with Padmaja, a buxom beauty, whose uninhibited sexuality was translated into a raw sensuality by RK.

In Satyam Shivam Sundaram, Raj sets out to celebrate Zeenat Aman's seductive allure. The director takes full advantage of Zeenat's curvy form, exposing her as no other director ever did. Again, the disrobing is aesthetic. Yet, it did not do wonders for Zeenat's career. Nor for that matter did Raj succeed in his film venture, nor in exploiting Zeenat's sex appeal.

He didn't give up. In Ram Teri Ganga Maili, he uses Mandakini's virginal sex appeal, creating the most talked about scene with Mandakini drenched in a white sari under a waterfall. The film, itself, was the love story of a rich boy and a poor village belle.

It was with Bobby that Raj set the trend for teenage romances. When Bobby (Dimple Kapadia) opens the door, a lock of hair falling on her forehead with flower stuck on her fingers, looking "angelic and

innocent," Raj was immortalising his first meeting with Nargis — when she was 16. Bobby was an appealing love story. Dimple Kapadia became an overnight sensation. But Raj's son, Rishi, didn't.

The heady Bobby romance filled in the coffers for Raj, emptied by his autobiographical film Mera Naam Joker. Writes a columnist: "Joker ... was an unabashedly autobiographical, the story of the many women who love, exploit and leave a circus clown. It was the classic concept of a joker — comedy with a substratum of pathos — which was what Kapoor liked to imagine he was in real life too."

It is said that Raj found it difficult to separate his reel life from the real; the two merged, somewhere along the line. But he never let go of the tradition of film making, as one critic said "an enchanting mix of entertainment and sensitivity." A champion of the man on the street, he played several in such films as Shri 420, Jagte Raho, Boot Polish, Ab Dillie Nain, Andaz, Bawre Nain, Dastan, Sargam, Chori Chori,



With Padmaja: RK women got a more sensual image



Zeenat Aman in Satyam Shivam Sundaram.

Sharda, Anari, Phir Subab Hogi, Teesri Kasam.

With Sangam he set the tradition of filming overseas, going to Switzerland and other locales to shoot the romantic scenes. It is said he chose the film title — Sangam, a confluence of three rivers in India — to "set a tradition." A love triangle, it was to set the mood for scores of films to follow. None could capture the sensitivity of the man-woman relationship as RK did in Sangam.

RK was larger than life. So were his films, a mixture of fact and fantasy, embellished with lavish sets, costumes and scintillating music. In his later years, he titillated his audiences with his erotic fantasies, blending myth with reality.

RK is dead. But the legend lives on — through his films.

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Dr Bishara speaking to ASK graduates.

### 72 ASK students graduate

THE American School of Kuwait (ASK) recently held the 23rd Graduation Exercise at the Regency Palace Hotel. Seventy two students graduated. The Class of '88 comprised of students of 18 nationalities. Eight of the graduating seniors have attended the ASK for the past 12 years. The seniors will attend

colleges and universities in nine different countries and 16 states in the US.

The main speaker at the ASK graduation exercise was Dr Abdulla Yacoub Bishara, secretary-general of the Gulf Cooperation Council. A large number of parents, school sponsors and ministry officials attended.

### Eid Reunion

An eid reunion party for Bangladeshi engineers and architects will be held at Mesilah Beach Hotel, Al Amal Hall, at 7 pm on June 23. For details phone 4718157, 431351; 3713923 after 3 pm.

### United Goons Centre

The UGC will hold their annual "Summer Belle '88" contest on August 11. The committee will host a gala event to mark the 10th anniversary of UGC.

### SPORTS

#### PBAK Bowling Tournament

The Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) will hold their bowling tournament for men's and women's doubles on June 17, 24 and July 1 and 8, at the Holiday Inn hotel. The tournament will be held from 6 pm to 10 pm. The elimination rounds will be held on June 17 and 24. The semi-finals are on July 1 and the finals are on July 8. For registration contact PBAK Director Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 4843447.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.30 Cartoons: Rablat Haul Al Alam  
10.00 Good Morning  
10.15 Shaqqah Bidoun Siqqat: Arabic serial, starring Tahiya Karioka, Dalal Abdul Aziz.  
11.00 News Summary  
11.15 Ila Abi Wa Ammi Ma Tahiya: featuring Hayat Al Fahad, Khalid Al Nafisi.  
12.15 Treasures of the Gulf  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 World News via Satellite  
2.30 Al Bahloul: ep. 3, featuring Assam Sulaiman, Salah Qassas.  
3.35 Cartoons  
4.20 Football  
6.00 Mama Anisa and children  
7.15 Quran and Science: Alam Al Bahar. Prepared and

presented by Dr Ahmad Shawki Ibrahim.  
8.30 Souk Al Ghaz: daily serial, starring Mohammad Saeed Shirin, Zuhair Numani.  
9.00 News Summary  
11.30 Hada Al Rajul Ahhubahu: Arabic film. Starring: Majeda, Yashin, Najma Ibrahim, Aziza Hilmi.  
12.15 News Summary/Holy Quran/Closedown

### KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Wildfire: "The Pixie Painters." Cartoons  
6.30 Scuba World: this programme concentrates on the natural world.  
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world and local events.  
7.30 Mi Belvedere: "Speechless." George is

elected "Man of the Year," a feat that apparently leaves him speechless.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Murder, She Wrote: "If It's Thursday, It Must Be Beverly." The deputy sheriff is not as innocent as he seems, as Jessica finds out after his wife's death.  
9.30 National Geographic: "Land of the Tiger." A look at conservation efforts in The Land of the Tiger in India.  
10.30 Hanlon: "Hanlon in Defence." Hanlon falls in love with a famous lawyer's daughter.  
11.30 News in Brief  
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

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## RADIO PROGRAMMES

### FM Services

0800 Easy Listening  
0830 News  
0840 Easy Listening  
1000 News and Music  
1300 Easy Listening  
1330 News  
1400 Classical Music  
1600 Easy Listening  
1700 Latin American Hour  
1800 Pops  
1900 Heller Skelter  
2000 Pops  
2130 News  
2145 Pops  
2200 Jazz Sound  
2300 Easy Listening  
2400 Instrumental Music  
0200 Closedown

09 British Press Review  
15 Pebbles' Choice  
30 Science in Action  
0300 World News  
15 Good Books  
30 Anything Goes  
0400 Newsdesk  
15 Behind the Wall  
45 Reflections  
50 Waveguide  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Nature Notebook  
45 Recording of the Week  
0600 Newsdesk  
30 Pillars of British Society  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 From Coca to Cocaine  
0800 World News  
09 Reflections  
15 Behind the Wall  
30 Anything Goes  
0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Good Books  
30 Financial News followed by Sprints Roundup  
45 Pebbles' Choice  
1000 News Summary followed by After Henry  
30 Four Stories by Elizabeth Bowen (ex 27th The Racing Game)  
45 A Schubert Anthology  
0200 World News

25 (27th only) Book Choice  
30 The Ken Bruce Show  
1200 Radio Newsread  
15 Radio Britain 1988  
45 Sports Roundup  
1300 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Sportsworld (ex 6th Recording of the Week; 13th Anything Goes)  
45 Sportsworld (ex 13th Anything Goes contd., 27th Jazz Scene UK)  
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-minute News  
45 6th and 13th Future Perfect: 20th and 27th The Bishops Come to Lambeth  
1500 Radio Newsread  
15 Pillars of British Society  
45 Weber  
ALL TIMES GMT

### BBC World Services

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09 News about Britain  
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Ibn Rushd Pharmacy  
Souk Duaij, Souk Al Kuwait Bldg.  
Hawalli and Nigra  
Al Badar Pharmacy  
Tunis St.  
Salimiyah and Rumaihiyah  
Al Maida Pharmacy  
Baghdad St., off Haroun Al Rasib St.  
Fahad Al Ahmadi  
Al Khaleej Pharmacy  
Mujammat St., Fheeh  
New Khatan  
Al Wahda Pharmacy  
Main St.  
Jahra  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

Al Andalus  
The Last Spark  
Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro

Al Jahra  
Callan  
Granada  
Tarzan the Ape-Man  
Sulaibikhat  
Carry on Dick  
Al Jeeb  
Bedeen (Bengali)  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Desperately Seeking Susan

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### NIGHT CHEMIST

#### Drive-In

Aad Liyanagam (Arabic)  
Starring: Ezzat Alaiil, Imaan

#### Drive-In

Al Firdous  
Maal Ki Ghati (Hindi)  
Starring: Arjun, Rajani

#### Al Firdous

Abdul Aziz Nasrullah

#### Open-Air

Jheel Ke Us Paar (Hindi)

#### Drive-In

Jheel Ke Us Paar (Hindi)</p

# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

IN charity, there is no excess — Francis Bacon, English philosopher-writer (1561-1626).

## Seoul allows talks on reunification

By Lee Su-Wan

SEOUL, (Reuter): The staunchly anti-communist South Korean government is allowing free public debate about reunification of the Korean peninsula but it remains secretive about any contacts it may have with the north.

Since elected President Roh Tae-Woo took office in February, pledging democratic reforms, opposition politicians, scholars and the media have openly debated steps to unify the divided fatherland of 60 million Koreans. Under Roh's predecessor, the autocratic Chun Doo Hwan, debate on the subject was firmly quashed.

Reunification has also become one of the most important issues for South Korean student activists.

Roh has said he is convinced important moves towards reunification will begin before his term ends in 1993.

In April, when tension between Seoul and Pyongyang was still high over the North's alleged bombing of a southern airbase, Roh surprised the nation by saying his government was keeping contacts with the North through various channels.

### Rumours

He did not elaborate and the few rumours of contacts since then have never been independently confirmed and have always been denied by the government.

The end of World War II in 1945 brought an end to Japanese colonial rule over Korea, but also saw the country divided by American and Soviet troops at the 38th Parallel.

The communist North and the capitalist South fought a war from 1950 to 1953 which ended in an armistice, but no peace treaty. Tension along their mutual border has remained more or less high ever since, but now the South seems to be more conciliatory.

"We should reconsider the policy of isolating North Korea," South Korean Unification Minister Lee Hong-Koo

## Opportunity is Dukakis' campaign theme

By Michael Gelb

LOS ANGELES, (Reuter): Appealing to American idealism and optimism, Michael Dukakis says his goal as president would be to give all Americans a shot at a better life.

While emphasising the country faces problems that will require sacrifice, the Massachusetts governor conveys an overall sense of optimism by painting a bright American future.

The central theme is "opportunity" — a word almost guaranteed to show up a half dozen or more times in the typical Dukakis election campaign speech.

"Beginning in January of 1989, we're going to build a future of hope and pride and opportunity," he says. "We're going to take charge of our economic future. And we're not going to stop until America is number one."

It is typical rhetoric from Dukakis, the self-proclaimed father of the "Massachusetts miracle" that saw unemployment in his home state drop from one of the country's highest rates to one of the lowest.

**Duplicate**  
The Massachusetts boom — and the possibility that Dukakis can duplicate it nationwide — is a powerful message for those who have been bypassed by recent economic prosperity or who are anxious about the future.

Critics say Dukakis played only a peripheral role in the state's climb to prosperity, but political experts say he may be able to recapture the traditional Democratic image as the party of prosperity and hope.

The Democrats had ceded that ground to Ronald Reagan in recent years.

While the President cheered voters by declaring "morning again in America," the Democrats spoke of limits on American aspirations.

Whether discussing the need to trim the US budget deficit, improve education, reduce trade barriers, or protect the rights of minorities, Dukakis says the overriding aim is to give the average American a chance to improve his lot.

By Nadine Epstein

NOGALES, Ariz.: Charges that members of the United States Customs Service and the Immigration and Naturalisation Service regularly discriminate against, and sometimes even brutalise, Hispanics along the US-Mexico border are denied by agency officials.

But critics say that INS agents systematically fail to inform illegal aliens of their rights and the Customs Service uses its powers for political intelligence gathering and illegal seizures. They also charge that American citizens who appear to be Hispanic are harassed.

Customs and INS spokesmen point out the growing burden of trying to stem illegal immigration and drug smuggling. While admitting that mistakes are made, they dispute the extent of civil rights violations charged.

Making the charges are numerous lawyers and watchdog groups. Louis Menendez, a federal public defender in Laredo, Texas, says there is "a cowboy cop mentality that translates into: 'Let's clear the streets, make busts, and let the courts sort it out'."

Menendez adds: "There is a problem with drugs and with illegal immigration. But in the same soup there is also a problem with lack of constraints."

Another public defender, a colleague of Menendez, Joe Sepeda, says bluntly, "The Constitution ends in San Antonio."

### Abuses

But Harold Egan, INS commissioner for the Western region, says: "I think these claims about civil rights abuses are ridiculous. I believe those who say that civil rights are being violated are the same people who say borders should be wide open and we shouldn't have any laws to protect them."

The agents who control the border are under tremendous strain. In 1987, about 190 million aliens and citizens passed through points of entry from Mexico into the US. There were 1,550 Customs and INS agents to handle the flow. They must not only sift the illegals from the lines, but try to stem the flow of narcotics. About 2,900 Border Patrol agents cover the area around and between ports of entry, though there will be 600

told reporters last week. "Emphasis should be put on cooperation, rather than on competition."

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## INS accused of harassing illegal aliens

# Civil rights at US-Mexican border

more added to the Border Patrol by the end of this year.

Civil rights activists say they are hearing of more cases of abuse than ever before. They blame the increase, in part, on the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act. Among other things, the act increased manpower and doubled the agency's budget. Activists predict that after the INS completes its amnesty programme for illegal aliens, more money will be channelled to enforcement and that this will lead to more abuses. Much of the law governing border agents remains unclear, say the critics, thus giving agents unbridled discretion. They also have extraordinary powers to control smuggling and illegal immigration.

Elsewhere in the US, the Fourth Amendment protects against warrantless searches and seizures. But on the border, agents are not bound by "probable cause" — the standard requiring that law-enforcement officials have a reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing before acting.

### Rights

"The balance between individual rights and the government's right of effective immigration law enforcement is heavily weighed toward the latter," says Maria Jimenez, director of an immigration law-enforcement monitoring project of the American Friends Service Committee. At stake, critics say, are such freedoms as the right to political opposition.

In January, the New York City-based Centre for Constitutional Rights discussed information obtained through the Freedom of Information Act showing that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had conducted an extensive surveillance of Americans opposed to Reagan administration policies in Central America. Some Americans have discovered that the FBI collected that kind of information from searches by Customs agents.

Two and a half years ago, Adam Eigner, a 24-year-old University of Michigan student, was on his way home from studying Spanish in Nicaragua when a Customs agent took him aside at Dallas-Fort Worth International airport. Eigner says the agent opened and searched his luggage

as another agent went through his papers, which included a letter of acceptance to his language school and a receipt for medical supplies he had delivered, legally, to a Nicaraguan aid organisation. Without explanation, Eigner says, one of the agents walked away with his papers.

Eigner says he waited an hour for the return of the documents and then raced to catch his connecting flight. A year and a half later, to his astonishment, copies of his papers — stamped SECRET — turned up in an FBI file obtained by the Centre for Constitutional Rights. An attached memo showed two copies had been disseminated to each of 15 FBI bureaus. Eigner is not alone, says Mike Ratner of the Centre for Constitutional Rights. Since August 1984, the centre has received 71 reports of people who have had books, personal letters, notes, and address books taken or copied after border or custom checks. These reports include people who have discovered documents missing after checks. The group estimates that less than one-third of incidents are reported to it. Other people have had their names recorded in the computerised Treasury Enforcement Communication System, which border officials use to keep track of criminal suspects who might try to enter the US.

At least 100 Americans have complained that FBI agents have paid visits to their homes or offices and that they were faced with IRS audits soon after

they were seized their authority.

### UNITED STATES

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### California

### Arizona

### New Mexico

### Agua Prieta

### Del Rio

### El Paso

## Animal lovers appeal to Olympic athletes in South Korea

By Roger Crabb

SEOUL, (Reuter): Animal lovers plan to appeal to Olympic athletes from 161 nations due in Seoul this summer to help end the slaughter of dogs and cats to feed South Korean gourmets.

They will offer to take the sportmen and women to markets near the Seoul Games venues where they say the animals are cruelly killed before being served as delicacies in hundreds of restaurants.

They also plan to urge Olympic athletes and officials to write to the South Korean government in a bid to end the killing.

"What is happening here is a crime of inhumanity," said Dave Dawson, Southeast Asia co-ordinator of the International Fund for Animal Welfare (Ifaw), during a recent fact-finding visit.

In most other countries it would be a jailable offence. Cats and dogs are companion animals, and loving and trusting friends.

"It's an awful thing to do to friends, to serve them up on a plate."

Dawson added: "We will ensure that every athlete coming to Seoul knows what is happening here. Once we get past the Olympics the government may think it is safe and never get anything done."

The South Korean government, concerned about this treat to its international image, is at pains to point out that killing dogs and cats for consumption was outlawed in 1984, and that restaurants were "recommended not to serve dog meat".

Trade and Industry Minister Ahn Byung-Wha told Dawson in a recent letter: "The majority of Koreans view the practice of killing and eating these animals as shameful as well as cruel."

The small number of people who still wilfully indulge in this illegal activity do so out of the public eye, well aware of its disgrace.

An Information Ministry official said the government believed that "even where illegal

As the world's athletes get ready for the Olympic Games in Seoul this summer, animal lovers hope to bring to their attention—and the world's—the inhumane killing of cats and dogs in South Korea where the animals are served as delicacies in hundreds of restaurants.



A cat meat vendor waits for customers in Seoul. Live cats can be crammed into cages or tethered by the neck. The South Korean government outlawed their killing for human consumption in 1984 but the practice continues.

restaurants still exist, the cruel methods of killing the animals are no longer used and that fewer and fewer people are eating such dishes."

A poll commissioned by the

Ifaw, which has close links with the World Wildlife Fund, found that a quarter of South Korea's 40 million population had eaten dog. One in 10 had eaten cat.

The dog soup trade is likely to remain a closed book for Olympic visitors unless they stay into the back alleys of the capital and read Korean.

Restaurants with large signs

advertising "pohintang" (healthy soup) used to be prominent on main thoroughfares, but now they have moved to more discreet sites.

They also have smaller signs reading "poyangtang" another euphemism to get round government restrictions and meaning roughly "nourishing soup".

Ifaw says it is evidence dogs are suffocated to death slowly, because the adrenalin is thought to tenderise the meat.

Cooked slices of dog meat are then served up in a soup, flavoured with garlic, spices and sesame, believed to enhance sexual stamina.

"Kee soju" is an alcoholic drink made from a whole dog boiled with herbs and spices for 48 hours. Koreans drink it as a summer.

Cats are killed by blows to the head, according to Dawson who has visited South Korea several times to gather evidence.

Alternatively, he says, they are thrown live into boiling water to produce "go yangi soju"—a drink taken by the elderly as a cure for rheumatism or arthritis.

Government health official Lee Sang-Suk said restaurants had been recommended not to serve dog meat if they ignored this, they would be warned first offence, and risked having their licences revoked for subsequent violations.

Dawson said Ifaw hired a leading Seoul law firm which found there were no general laws in South Korea regarding cruelty to animals. He said the ministry guidelines only referred to large towns and tourist areas.

"We are not protesting about the sort of meat people eat. It's the cruelty—tantamount to torturing animals," Dawson said.

"Whatever happens, we will go on until we get something done. Once we start something we won't give up, however long it takes," he said.

Previous Ifaw campaigns aimed at halting the killing of dogs for food in the Philippines and culling of Canadian baby seals.

six years.

Scully says that every five minutes his ushers trying vainly to enforce a smoking ban aim their flashlights at a crack smoker. It's a dangerous job.

The morning after Garrett's murder, police cordoned off the Lyric balcony, where the shooting took place. But the orchestra section was filled with demonstrative patrons.

On the screen, "Bad Dreams" showed a pair of doomed schizophrenic lovers diced by a whirling fan, their remains squeezed through the ventilation system of a modern metropolitan hospital.

The audience howled back at the screen.

Night manager Albert O'Reilly is familiar with his

audiences' rapport with the ghoulish fare on screen.

"The youths today, they aren't people that you can talk to on a one-to-one basis," says O'Reilly. "These guys feel very strong about certain things."

"Especially if they're packing (armed)."

Two days after the shooting, an 18-year-old youth was picked out of a lineup and charged with the murder.

Ten blocks away, the limousines line up outside a musical play about the haves-and-haves-nots of the 19th century.

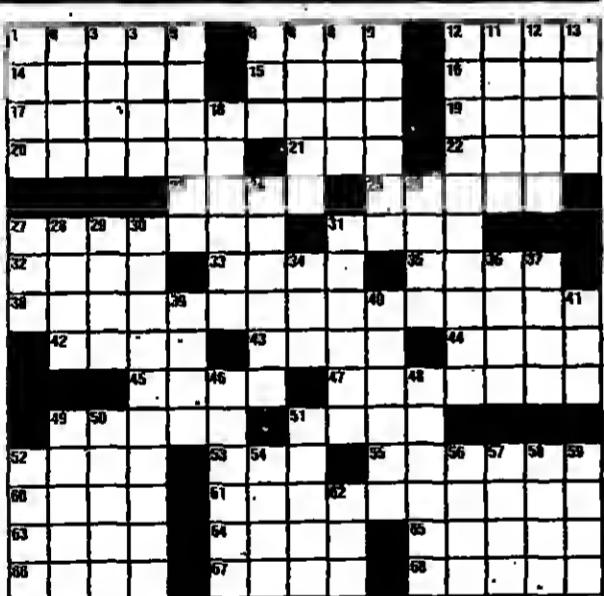
Many of the patrons inside paid up to 100 dollars to see "Les Misérables".

David Garrett paid five dollars for "Bad Dreams".



A man just out of jail sells pornographic magazines in front of the Lyric theatre, on 42nd St. New York. The theatre is a haven for addicts of "slasher" films combining psychedelia, nightmares, bloody premonitions and drug-induced paranoia.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 25 Amazingly outlandish
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- 32 Miscellaneous mixtura
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- 47 Rejoined
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- 53 Carrier letters
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- 61 Government agency
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- 65 Synthetic fiber
- 66 Elephants as a group
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- 68 Popovers

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

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## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

By Keith Wells

LT Col H. R. P. Dickson was the British Political Agent in Kuwait from 1929 to 1936 when he retired from government service to become the chief local representative of KOC. Dame Violet Dickson, his widow, still lives in Kuwait in an old blue and white house on the seafront that was originally the British Political Agency.

Today, Col. Dickson is mainly remembered for his two superb books about the customs, traditions and history of the region, *Kuwait And Her Neighbours*, now sadly out of print, and *The Arab of the Desert*, a new edition of which is available in local bookshops. These two volumes together comprise the best and most comprehensive study of bedouin life ever published in English.

Dickson was born in Beirut in 1881 and was reared by a

## Dickson's bedouin tales

bedouin wet-nurse. As a result, he spoke bedouin Arabic as well as he spoke English, and constantly referred to the bedouin as his real friends, as opposed to his European acquaintances.

He spent many days living in the tents of his bedouin friends and hunting for hours of conversation around the campfires he learned a tremendous amount about their lore and customs. His books are filled with bedouin tales of bravery, witchcraft, and scaring.

One of my favourite tales is about the incredible tracking skills of the Murra tribesmen. Dickson tells how he was on a trip with King Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia and the party camped for the night beside the sea. Dickson decided to go for a swim, so he took off his clothes, piled them on the beach, placed

his wristwatch on top of the pile and went for a good long swim.

When he came back, the watch was missing. When Dickson told the King what had happened, Abdul Aziz sent for his Murra tracker who came and looked at the spot very carefully. The wet sand had a few footprints, but these were easily identified by the guide as belonging to Dickson and the King himself. After quartering the area thoroughly, no more footprints could be found and the Murra had to confess he was beaten. The party returned for the night in a troubled frame of mind.

Next morning, the Murra tracker woke Dickson at dawn in great excitement, saying he had figured out what had happened to the watch. Intrigued, Dickson followed him down the beach to the spot where he had left his watch the day before. The incoming tide had swept the sand clear of footprints, but it was covered with the scratch marks of the crabs that lived there.

The Murra peered closely at the marks, identified one of them, then led the way over a hundred metres down the beach to the creature's hole, plunged in his hand and came out with the lost watch! He explained that the previous day he had only been looking for a human thief's tracks and ignored the crabs', then he remembered that one of the crab trails had actually gone right up to the pile of clothes. As Dickson remarked, the incredible thing was the Murra tracker was able to distinguish one individual crab's spoor from that of dozens of others!

## Story

Another great story was told to Dickson, by an old man called Zunaifir Ibn Huwaila of the Ajman tribe. It concerned a certain sheikh who owned 17 camels. On his deathbed he ordered that the camels be divided between his three sons. The oldest son was to get a half share of the camels, the dying sheikh decreed, the second son should get a third share, and the youngest son should get a ninth share. Then the dying man

complicated matters by stipulating that none of the camels should be given away, sold or killed in order to make the division easier. Then the sheikh died.

The sons were at a loss as to how to carry out his wishes and a violent quarrel broke out among the sons as they argued about their inheritance. The quarrel seemed certain to end in bloodshed when a stranger rode up on a fine white camel, dismounted, and asked what all the trouble was about.

When he was told the problem, the stranger thought about it for a few moments, then asked for all 17 camels to be brought before him. The sons agreed, and when the 17 camels were collected, the stranger stood up and added his own white camel to the herd.

Then he gave the oldest son nine camels, his half share, the second son received six camels, his third share, and the youngest son got two camels, his ninth share, leaving the white camel, which the stranger reclaimed, mounted and rode away, leaving everyone satisfied.

Tales like these are only fifty years old, yet the life that Dickson describes seems to belong to a totally different world from the Kuwait we know today. However, some of the traditions continue, albeit in altered forms. For example, Dickson talks about the old bedouin tradition of dividing food into equal shares, then allocating the shares by lottery, to prevent arguments. Meat was pretty scarce in those days so if a sheep had to be slaughtered the meat would be piled up onto different plates, then the tribe would each draw straws to see which plate that way there were never any arguments as to who got the best share.

Exactly the same method is used today when the government allocates houses, each applicant gets a number, and when his number is drawn he goes up to choose which house he wants. In this way, traditional wisdom is used to prevent arguments in the most modern of situations, and it still works.

By Lesley Blanch

THE diverting book is doubly so today when the printed word seems largely concerned with gloom and decay. Fanny Eden's journals shimmer with the extravagances of the Indian scene in 1836 when she and her sister Emily accompanied their brother George, Lord Auckland, to his appointment as Governor General.

Since he was unmarried, his sisters played hostess and the journals they kept served as letters home; many are reproduced in this book, which is admirably edited by Janet Dunbar.

There should be no confusion between the two sisters' journals. Emily's were first published in 1866, entitled *Up the Country*, and have remained a classic of their kind. Fanny's were unknown until lately, lying buried among family papers, while she herself was only glimpsed flitting across Emily's pages under the initial F.

Now we meet her face to face, and very good company she is, with her exuberant, almost childlike sense of enjoyment.

Daily life was a severe challenge. State splendours overwhelmed, protocol was rigid, the climate daunting, official duties unending. Things livened up when they set out to visit the numerous fiery kingdoms that were George's concern.

They travelled dak — that is, by relays of horses, camels and elephants. Elaborate camps were organised, with gold-fringed crimson tents, Cashmere carpets and a few European comforts. George and his staff held levees in the mammoth Durbar tent wearing cocked hats, gold lace and swords.

Such functions dragged as the thermometer rose above 100 degrees and the interpreters

## Letters from the Raj

## An exuberant slice of life in 1830's India



Riding lessons: one of the sketches by Fanny Eden from her Indian journals

became haggled down by compliments laid on with an Oriental trowel.

Fanny describes it all with gusto — bow she "strolls about" on her elephant; how the King of Oude sends his chef with special dishes and orders to stand behind their chairs at breakfast to see they eat up everything. Local society, however, is not stimulating. Most Memsahebs' racial prejudices debarred them from dances where natives were present, but Fanny was delighted with Colonel Skinner "a native Colonel, very black, much better company than any white colonels we met."

The highlight of the journals is a State visit to the Sikh Court at Lahore, from where the old, wall-eyed Maharaja Ranjeet Singh ruled, surrounded by a glittering band of heirs, favourites and the horses he

doctored. There were also European adventurers employed to train his armies and administer justice with ferocity.

## Mission

Lord Auckland's mission was to obtain Sikh backing for a sinister plan to occupy Afghanistan as a buffer state against Russian designs on India. Dost Mohammed, the Afghan ruler, was to be deposed and replaced by a puppet supported by British troops stationed at Kahl.

Auckland hesitated — it seemed unjust; unwise but complacent advisors such as Alexander Burnes and Sir William Macnaghten, the Government Secretary, were persuasive, and a first move in the Great Game began.

Pourparlers with Ranjeet were interspersed with lavish hospitality. A visit to the Gol-

den Temple at Amritsar preceded banquets washed down by aphrodisiac brews containing crushed pearls. These, like other jewels, the Maharajah pressed on his guests, though he came to grief when he tangled a rope of pearls in Fanny's bonnet. He himself dressed simply and only wore the Koh-i-noor.

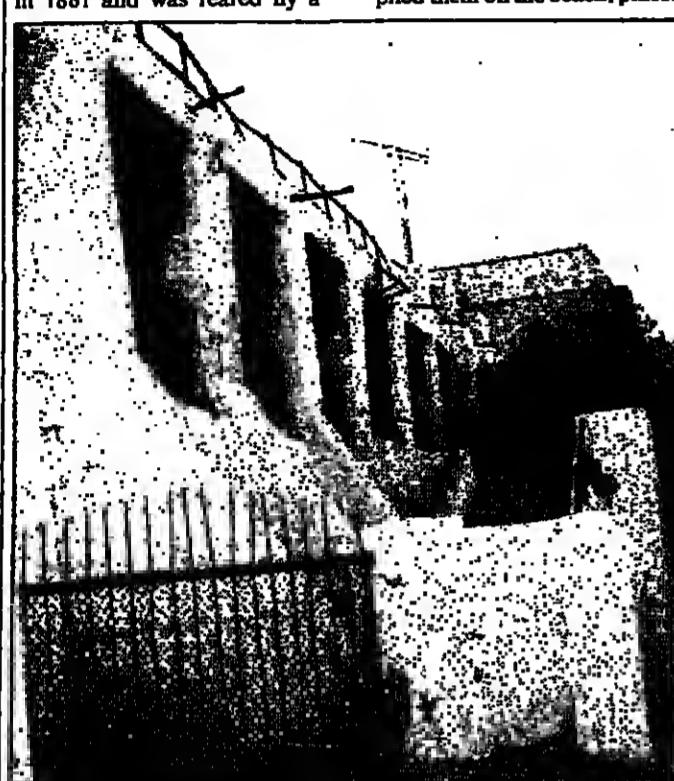
The Anglo-Sikh treaty signed, there were further junkettings and military reviews, the dancers undulating endlessly while Ranjeet's pet ducks waddled unceasingly over the priceless carpets. When the swaggering "Army of the Indus" marched for Kabul, escorting the puppet Shah, Burnes and Macnaghten followed as his political advisors.

The party was over. Farts were affecting. A strong sympathy had grown between the Edens and these exotic, violent Sikhs — though "we were not under the impression that they lived very moral lives," Fanny noted affectionately. Her journals end in December 1838.

There was a tragic postscript. When the Edens left India in March 1842 Auckland was disillusioned and haunted. The Afghan venture had ended terribly. "You'd seize my country, would you?" cried Dost Mohammed's son as he killed Macnaghten. Burnes's hacked body hung in the bazaar.

In January 1842 the retreating British Army, starving and frost-bitten, were butchered almost to a man. In London, a storm of condemnation rose around Lord Auckland. His sisters defended him furiously; but as an old saying went: there is no answer but the Afghan knife.

Tigers, Durbars and Kings: *Fanny Eden's Indian Journals 1837-1838*. Edited by Janet Dunbar. Murray. £13.95.



The house in which the Dicksons lived still stands today in Kuwait.

## Seduction — by a former nun

By Lesley White

A BOOK will appear soon which, if slightly misunderstood, could plunge respectable publishers Faber & Faber into a literary success de scandale.

It is the first anthology of seductions\*. It is bursting with sex ... and it is edited by a former nun.

But let me warn those who secretly peruse semi-serious fiction for heaving bosoms and licentious euphemism that they will find no dirty hits worth fuming for here.

Even less scandalous, the editor has not been sacked from her convent.

For the seductions — ranging from the fall of Lawrence's Miriam to the fate of Hardy's Tess — are of the highest creative merit. And this is indeed a serious and riveting tome.

Jenny Newman, 41, wearing a short-skirted suit and not in the least retrospectively pious, has been fascinated with the techniques and tyrannies of seduction since she first read of them. Which she did before trying them — only to discover they are merely the politics of power.

Through the dubious art of seductions, she claims, Eve discovered not only truth under the Tree of Knowledge. She discovered shame ... and this ambiguity has dogged women ever since.

'I have always been fascinated with seduction because it's

the most potent weapon in the battle of the sexes,' says Ms Newman. 'At best, it promises the pleasure of courtship without responsibility. At worst, it narrowly stops short of brute force.'

It is the hovering between temptation and rape that best merits her rigorous inquiry. For this is no collection of billets-doux wrapped up as pretty poems. And her approach is anything but blushing.

'I really began to resent returning to the nunnery at weekends.'

After a year of agonising, Sister Jennifer became Ms Newman to pursue her literary studies. She is now a freelance tutor at Liverpool. But she was also free to embark on her own sexual odyssey.

She married and divorced her university tutor and, en route to her present arrangement (she has lived with her fellow-academic boyfriend for five years), she made her way through the libraries of love and lovers.

'I have seduced and been seduced,' she announces, 'but it is not something I like. I am not in favour of seduction.'

Seducers often get their pleasure from the exercise of power rather than the physical conquest. And their victims can be hurt by betrayal.'

The only period of history where Ms Newman finds women not to have been broken by this exquisite game appears in Restoration comedy.



Author Jenny Newman: I was made to be a nun

Reading English at Liverpool University in the late Sixties, she observed a new generation of women putting their ideals into practice.

For the first time I was surrounded by women who were going to do something with their lives,' she says. 'They talked excitedly about politics and ambition, on becoming lawyers, engineers and fighting prejudice.'

Exactly the same method is used today when the government allocates houses, each applicant gets a number, and when his number is drawn he goes up to choose which house he wants. In this way, traditional wisdom is used to prevent arguments in the most modern of situations, and it still works.

But that, say the classics, wasn't to last. Daniel Defoe's Moll Flanders seduction was for profit rather than pleasure, making her less than ideologically sound. And as for the Victorian heroine languishing through a veil of tears and vulnerability, a girl might as well give up life as be seduced.

Ms Newman believes seduction should possibly be stopped because it cannot take place between equals — and the results are often tragic.

The broken-hearted protagonists of Eng Lit. might agree ... but how on earth would the poeple make a living?

\*The Faber Book of Seductions (£12.95)

## Remedial reading for the uninformed

## Focussing on five centuries of imperialistic ebb and flow

By Leonard Bushkov

THE Rise and Fall of the Greater Powers: Economic Change and Military Conflict from 1500 to 2000, by Paul Kennedy. New York: Random House. 677 pp. \$24.95.

Here is an imposing book, awash with data, generalisations, and cautionary themes, its purpose nothing less than the interpretation of five centuries of imperial ebb and flow, first in the European peninsula, then the world as a whole.

The focus is on geopolitics, war and weaponry, military and diplomatic trends, and the economic and technological power underlying it all. The thesis is simple, perhaps overly so: that great powers, with hegemony their inevitable goal, eventually overstretch themselves, becoming tapped between growing commitments and dwindling income — and resistance to taxes — and so stumble downhill while competitors emerge.

The relevance to Reagan's America is obvious, as an allusion to restraint, prudence, accepting pressure gracefully. Kennedy, a British diplomatic historian now at Yale, has lived with imperial retreat. 'The rise and fall ... is a favoured construct of his as its corollary, "the orderly management of decline," is for other Britons. Do these constructs, however, fit American conditions? Kennedy is non-committal, but the message is implicit in his paraphrase of George Bernard Shaw: "Rome fell; Babylon fell; Scarsdale's turn will come."

Recent books have prepared the way. Walter Russell Mead's "Mortal Splendor: The American Empire in Transition" and David Calleo's "Beyond American Hegemony: The Future of the Western Alliance" both speak to

anxiety about deficit and trade problems, the Wall Street crash, and the upsurge of Asian competition. Kennedy's book has received admiring reviews that have boosted its sales in Washington particularly, while propelling him onto the television talk shows.

The book begins with the 16th-century Spanish and Austrian Hapsburgs, strong in polyglot armies and wealth from the Americas, but ultimately weakened by continental wars. There is France from Louis XIV to Napoleon, its pretensions to European hegemony consistently defeated by British-organised and subsidised coalitions.

There is 19th-century Britain, swelling with industry, colonies, and naval power, but ebbing away as its monopoly of industrialisation ended. There is the rise of Russia and Japan as "flanking states," the one an unconquerable and self-sufficient continent, the other a new Venice after 1945, rising economically while eschewing military and diplomatic action. Above all, there is the United States, confusing its temporary hegemony after 1945 for permanence, and irresponsibility accepting deficits, even as eager competitors appeared in the western Pacific.

The crucial concept throughout is the transformation — via taxes, loans, plunder, and fiscal policy — of economic growth into military power, a process that Kennedy treats as vastly more significant than specific battles or diplomatic events, let alone individual leaders. His is a mechanistic, almost deterministic world in which policymaking is a game, while history rolls inexorably, shifting men and states on the global chessboard.

Professional historians are therefore certain to be very critical. Anyone familiar with the diplomatic classics of A.J.P.

Taylor or William Langer, or with David Landes' "The Unbound Prometheus," will recognize that "The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers" is not a work of innovation or imagination, but of haut vulgarisation, with Kennedy summarising for a lay audience the specialised research of other scholars. Oversimplification is the price, for Kennedy's grasp loosens as he addresses issues — especially statistics — that overstretch his expertise in late 19th century diplomatic history.

These caveats may not distract the general reader. But it is disturbing that Kennedy's presentation is slow, ponderous, some 540 jampacked pages, precisely the sort of quibbles that Americans blame when excusing their ignorance of history. Kennedy is no stylist, his paragraphs trudge toward infinity and urgently require huge pencilings. So the first two-thirds of the book is likely to be skimmed, with journalistic and political readers ploughing in only with the cold war and the '80s.

So much for the debits; the credits, nevertheless, are substantial. Kennedy points out that, first, the US has joined the age-long processional of empire. No doubt its empire is informal, virtually invisible, with conquest replaced by bases, treaties, client states, intelligence operations, and sporadic military intervention.

And no doubt this empire springs from anti-communist invitation and generosity rather than plunder: witness the Marshall Plan and the Peace Corps. Nevertheless, the traditional American state has evolved, unknowingly, into an imperial republic.

Second, empire is costly; deficit financing merely intensifies the crisis.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.

## A new angle on the literature of empire

By Anthony Rouse

THE arts, wrote the American novelist Katherine Anne Porter, "survive unchanged in all that matters through times of interruption, diminishment, neglect; they outlive governments and creeds and the societies, even the very civilisations that produced them."

Miss Porter wrote that during the last world war. In a less threatening time and in more frivolous mood, she might have added that the arts survive academic criticism also.

Of these two books on the literature of the vanished British Empire, D.C.R.A. Goonetilleke's has the merit of making you feel that he enjoys and admires Kipling, Forster, Orwell and Paul Scott.

His fifth author is Leonard Woolf, who wrote three books set in Sri Lanka, where he worked in the Ceylon Civil Service from 1904 to 1911 before coming home and marrying Virginia. Woolf's novels do not sound much fun, although Goonetilleke says that *The Village in the Jungle* is the finest work written in English about Sri Lanka.

Goonetilleke hopes that, coming from Sri Lanka, he has a different perspective from a British critic on the literature of the Raj. It is not evident. What he has written might get you through a not very testing examination. The books are described more than illuminated and from time to time he makes



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Strong yen propels country toward leadership

## Japan becoming biggest donor of development aid

TOKYO, June 5. (AP): Japan will surpass the United States soon as the world's biggest donor of foreign development aid and is both proud and wary of its new status.

The strength of the yen helped to propel the country toward leadership in the broad category of aid called Official Development Assistance. ODA, as it is known, does not include military aid, and Japanese officials like to call it "pure" aid.

**Largest**  
"The Japanese are not yet used to the position of a country which is expected to — and which is providing the largest ODA," said Masamichi Hanabusa, the top aid official in the Foreign Ministry.

"With that status substantial responsibility will follow. We are not used to it."

Japan's emergence as an economic superpower has given it wide responsibilities and the country is searching for its voice in such areas as economic coordination and setting currency values, as well as in aid.

It's not easy being at the top of the aid-granting ladder, as the United States found.

The Japanese government has been criticised at home for buttressing dictators or fueling corruption, and aid recipients have pleaded for more grants and complained about loan terms.

Until about 10 years ago Japan's development aid served mostly to promote exports and assure the supply of raw materials, Juichi Inada writes in the current issue of the scholarly semi-annual, Japan review of international affairs.

### Encouraged

They're getting an argument from Washington, which has encouraged Japan repeatedly to expand its development aid.

The US deputy defence secretary, William Howard Taft IV, told the Senate defence appropriations subcommittee recently that Japan will surpass the United States this year and can afford a further "dramatic increase."

Measured against size of the economy, Japan's aid is not outstandingly generous. This year it will be about 0.3 per cent of the Gross National Product, higher than the US rate of 0.23 per cent but below the average of 0.36 per cent among major Western donor countries.

Japan is expected to announce a further hike in aid at the Toronto summit of the seven big free-market democracies in mid-June.

Over 40 per cent of the increase in Japan's aid is due to the higher value of the yen, said Hanabusa, who is director-general of the Economic Cooperation Bureau in the Foreign Ministry.

He pointed out that the aid outlay also has risen in yen, even though the overall government budget is frozen. This, he said, demonstrates a strong commitment to development aid.

The yen's strength has caused trouble for countries that took yen loans and now have to repay by devalued dollars.

"This is not our fault," Hanabusa said. Japan has provided new loans to such borrowers and reduced interest rates to an average of 2.6 per cent. "But here it is difficult for us to satisfy those borrowers completely," he said.

Giving aid can be a vexing responsibility, Hanabusa said, citing as an example the Philippines, where Japan is the largest single donor to the troubled

government of President Corazon Aquino.

"We have doubled our assistance last year, but we are a little ill at ease," he said. "We are not controlling that country, which we shouldn't. We really don't know what we do is actually taking effect."

Other cases have worked out more fruitfully. Japanese aid was a major factor in Indonesia's becoming self-sufficient in rice, Hanabusa said.

Some Thais, however, have criticised Japanese aid projects as designed mostly to benefit Japanese construction companies — a barb that caused Hanabusa to respond heatedly: "If Thais really believe that what we did in Thailand is for the Japanese, I think the Japanese tax payers would revolt, for sure."

### Element

Hanabusa acknowledged that Japan, like other countries, has an element of self-interest in giving aid.

But, he went on, "Japanese aid is purer than the others in that we have no colonial inclination, we have no strategic consideration, we have no wish to impose our will on others."

"From that angle, I think our aid is genuine development assistance, pure and simple. And this fact is appreciated by many. But if you appreciate it, you don't necessarily say so."

Japan also is recycling \$30 billion of its trade surplus to developing countries and international banks, but that sum is all loans, coming partly from private sources, and does not count as official development assistance.

ODA is defined as coming from the government, and being at least 25 per cent grants. It does not include military aid, a factor that raises the US overall 1988 aid bill to \$14.1 billion, since the United States is a big provider of military assistance.

The Japanese constitution forbids military action as a government policy, so the military budget is low and the country has leeway for greater contributions to development aid while the United States carries more of the military burden.

About 70 per cent of Japan's aid goes to Asian countries. The biggest recipient is China, a country that does not receive US development aid.

## World Business Summary

### Turkey establishes hazelnut union

ANKARA, June 5. (AP): In an attempt to live up to its reputation as the world's largest hazelnut producer and exporter, Turkey recently established an international union in a joint effort with some other exporter and importer countries. The members of the group include Italy, Spain and West Germany, both importers and exporters, and the United States and France, only importers. "Turkey is the leading country in the global hazelnut market, producing 75 per cent of the world's hazelnut crop and having 70 per cent of the world's import market," said Ertugrul Ozen, the general director of the exports department at the Treasury and foreign trade undersecretary. But he added that Turkey also wanted to play an active role in organising the global hazelnut market. Ozen said a powerful importers' organisation in Hamburg, West Germany, Waren Verein, had set all the rules in the global hazelnut market until now. "But this has got to be changed," he added. He added that the union would also seek ways to increase hazelnut production and consumption worldwide. The union is expected to start functioning in a few months following a general convention meeting. Its headquarters will be in Ankara.

### South Korean oil imports up by 30pc

SEOUL, June 5. (Opec): South Korea imported 58.7 million tons or more than 4.7 million barrels of crude oil during the first quarter of this year, an increase of 30 per cent over the levels in the same period in 1987, according to the Energy and Resources Ministry here. The oil bill for the period amounted to \$9.62 million up 30 per cent over last year's figure. Total energy imports, including coal and natural gas, reached \$1.29 billion during this year's first quarter, an increase of 32 per cent compared to the same months of 1987. "Yonhap" news agency reported that figures released by the ministry also showed that South Korea's energy consumption during the first three months rose by 13.8 per cent compared to the same period last year.

The ministry attributed the increase in demand to rising needs of an average of 17 per cent by the industrial and transportation sectors which consumed about 19 million tons or 139 million barrels of oil equivalent.

### Special committee to investigate allegations

KATHMANDU, June 5. (UPI): A special Indian parliamentary committee is investigating allegations of impropriety of government officials for their favourable treatment of a Japanese bid on the construction of a \$130 million cement plant, parliamentary sources said today. The committee was formed last month following allegations in the local press that senior Nepalese officials were imposing qualifying conditions for the bidding favourable to the Japanese. said an official. The cement factory in question, called Udaypur, has the capacity of producing 800 tons of high-grade cement daily to meet Nepal's soaring demands. Japan is Nepal's largest aid donor and she offers Nepal both grants and loans for projects such as hospital construction, and agricultural aid. South Korea, China, India and Yugoslavia have shown interest in bidding for the factory construction, an official said.

### Venezuela to launch

### \$100m Eurobond issue

CARACAS, June 5. (Reuters): Venezuela will launch a Eurobond issue worth at least \$100 million, the second issue since its relatively good debt repayment record allowed it to return to the bond market in February. The Eurobonds have a five-year life and a spread of at least 1.625 percentage points over London interbank offered rates, a Finance Ministry spokeswoman said yesterday. She said the bonds registered in Luxembourg would be issued on July 20 and market response would determine if the total amount placed could go as high as \$150 million. Foreign bankers and Washington-based economists estimate Venezuelans have about \$30 billion invested outside the country, almost equal to the country's \$30.3-billion foreign debt, the fourth biggest in Latin America.

### Egypt expects record revenue from Suez Canal

CAIRO, June 5. (Reuters): Egypt expects to earn a record \$1.292 billion from Suez Canal tolls in 1988, up from \$1.222 billion in 1987, the government-owned Al-Akhbar newspaper said today.

The newspaper, quoting Suez Canal Authority chairman Ezzat Adel, said the 195 km (120 mile) canal earned \$539 million in the first five months of 1988, \$20 million more than the same period last year.

Adel said a cut in tolls for long-haul bulk carriers since April last year had brought extra revenue to the canal, despite the Gulf war and fewer oil exports.

The canal is one of the main hard currency earners for Egypt along with tourism, oil and remittances from overseas workers.

### Cabinet approves draft law

### Egypt to regulate investment firms

CAIRO, June 5. (Reuters): The Egyptian cabinet approved a draft law yesterday to regulate controversial Islamic investment firms which control billions of dollars in savings.

The draft, which still has to be approved by parliament, was aimed at safeguarding depositors' money and ensuring that the firms operated on a solid basis, Inflation Minister Salwat Sharif said.

### Attracted

Up to a dozen Islamic companies, offering high returns, have attracted the private savings of hundreds of thousands of small investors in Egypt, an overwhelmingly Muslim country.

But there has been little regulation and bankers and government officials fear any collapse could cause a financial crisis.

Because Islam bans payment of interest, the companies operate a risk-sharing scheme under which depositors accept a share of company profits — or losses.

Some have paid returns of 20 per cent or higher, compared with bank interest rates of about 13 per cent.

### Saudi Cairo Bank trims 1987 losses

RIYADH, June 5. (Reuters): Saudi Cairo Bank, supported by a government rescue package after a series of financial problems, said today it had cut 1987 losses by more than 44 per cent.

The Jeddah-based bank said it trimmed the year's net loss to \$3.2 million (riyals \$8.9 million) from \$9.7 million (\$16 million) in 1986, the largest ever deficit declared by a bank operating in Saudi Arabia.

### Marked

Saudi Cairo is the last of the kingdom's nine joint-venture banks to report 1987 earnings, a year in which several showed a marked improvement after a four-year cycle of slumping profits.

The governor of the Saudi Central Bank was quoted today as saying business confidence was returning to the kingdom and although banks were still setting aside provisions against bad and doubtful debts they had begun to step up new lending.

Hamad Al Sayari, head of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, told the Jeddah-based

court by OPEC and the 180,000 barrel cut by non-OPEC members discussed last April as insufficient for the time being," Santos Alvit said.

The reduction should be completed by Iraq's participation in the OPEC quota system and should be proportionate to each OPEC member's production, not divided into equal quantities for each member, he said.

Iraq was OPEC's second largest producer and "we hold that the absence of such an important producer like Iraq from the system is a destabilising factor," he said.

**Support**  
Santos Alvit also told a news conference on Friday that Ecuador would support a quota at least equal system adopted by the 13-member oil organisation.

"Iraq is believed to be OPEC's second biggest producer after Saudi Arabia since, according to unofficial reports, it is producing about 2.5 million barrels, which is more than Iran's 2.3 million barrels," Santos Alvit said.

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Santos Alvit said OPEC countries had not yet agreed whether demand would increase in the second half of the year or whether OPEC should remain cautious.

The theme was being discussed by the OPEC economic commission meeting in Vienna ahead of the bi-annual ministerial conference due to start on June 11.

Meanwhile in Mexico, the Energy Ministry officials said the OPEC is expected to make a counter offer to a non-OPEC proposal for a mutual five per cent oil export curb.

The officials said OPEC is likely to make its counter offer during the 13-nation organisation's semi-annual meeting that opens June 11 in Vienna.

"OPEC has to propose something now. They already have the

offer of independent producers to reduce oil export by 5 per cent," said an Energy Ministry official.

He refused to speculate what the OPEC counteroffer would be, but emphasised that Mexico will make "all possible efforts to boost petroleum prices."

OPEC's 13 oil ministers were originally scheduled to meet on June 8 to discuss strategies to boost sagging world oil prices. But OPEC postponed the meeting until June 11, saying the action was taken because of the extraordinary Arab summit that is being held next week.

Sources from the Energy Ministry and the government-owned Petroleos Mexicanos Oil Company said, however, that the OPEC conference was delayed because members of the oil organisations have not reached an agreement on what to offer the independent producers and needed more time.

Officials said many of the board members of both the Petroleum Department and ADNOC, including UAE Oil Minister Mana Saeed Al Otaiba and ADNOC's Chairman Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohammed, have been included in the 11-member council.

However, they added,

### Gulf official calls for privatisation of public sector

ABU DHABI, June 5. (UPI): Abu Dhabi, a key OPEC member, today set up a new Higher Council for Petroleum after abolishing the Petroleum Department and dissolving the board of directors of the emirate's national Oil Company, ADNOC, the official emirates news agency reported.

A decree issued by UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan named Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Sheikh Tarek Abu Hussein, owner of the Hoda-Misr Group, one of the bigest Islamic firms, which controls billions of dollars deposited by hundreds of thousands of savers.

Owners of several top firms plan to call a meeting to discuss a joint response to the draft approved by the cabinet yesterday, a company source said.

The draft, which now goes to parliament, would allow the government to dissolve companies

### Abu Dhabi sets up new council

Khalifa Bin Zayed, Al Nahayan's eldest son, as chairman of the Higher Council for Petroleum, the agency said.

### Abolished

Officials said the Petroleum Department, which used to supervise all the government's relations with oil operating companies and their exploration and production activities, has been abolished.

However, they added,

"The private sector is an advanced step in free economies and is compatible with the current Gulf economic situation," Sa'ad Al Oteiba, chairman of Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, wrote in the June issue of the Chamber's magazine.

He said privatisation would stimulate the economy and help increase domestic private investment.

"The private sector's contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in this could largely be increased by privatisation," he said.

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## Stock market committee debates study

KUWAIT'S Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Al Khaled announced that the stock market committee exhaustively debated the study submitted by the stock market management in respect of positions of companies listed in the curb market.

The minister, stated, that the committee had decided to permit such dealings in the market for another six months, thereby, reversing the previous decision banning curb deals. He added, the committee had set up criteria and conditions governing the registration and trading in closed companies at the Kuwaiti Bourse. These conditions related to the paid-up capital of these companies; submission of registration formalities, possibility of floating new shares to expand the shareholding base and defining share prices of companies registered in the stock market.

Concluding, the minister expressed satisfaction over the success achieved by the introduction of the new clearance system and referred to the announcement of the director of the stock market wherein he had declared that the system was functioning smoothly.

By Midas

BEFORE I get down to today's subject, here's a lovely joke that illustrates one of the problems facing today's investor. President Reagan is trying to calm investors' fears about the stock market, so he calls a press conference and announces firmly, "If I wasn't the President, I'd go right out and invest all my money in stocks." From the back of the room somebody shouts, "If you weren't the President, so what?"

### Dodgy

Okay, point taken, the stock markets are still a bit dodgy. So what's the safest alternative?

The obvious answer is an offshore bank account, where you can earn tax-free interest with a really solid, international bank.

Of course, you won't double your money in a few weeks, but you should be able to earn a few percentage points over the rate of inflation.

Above all, you can sleep easily at night, knowing that your money is safe and secure.

There are several different types of accounts, but for today's article I want to concentrate on

the high interest current account.

This simply means that the account not only pays interest, but you can also write cheques on it.

Typically, these accounts are found in branches of the major British banks and financial institutions located in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

### Strict

Both of these places have pretty strict financial regulations, but even so, stick to rule number one, only deal with world famous banks that everyone has heard of. The others may well pay higher interest, but could be no more substantial than a brass plaque on the wall.

### Easy

Lloyds, Barclays, Standard Chartered, Midland and Lombard (a subsidiary of the National Westminster) are all household names which offer accounts which offer

minimum withdrawal, mainly to make the administration more cost effective. Barclays have a £250 minimum, Midland £100, the rest have no minimum at all.

### deposit of a £1,000, Midland want £2,000 and Barclays £2,500.

All you have to do is send them a cheque or money order for the required amount and a short letter asking them to open an account in your name. Easy as pie.

When they reply they'll send you plenty of leaflets explaining how their own individual accounts operate. Sometimes, they stipulate a minimum withdrawal, mainly to make the administration more cost effective. Barclays have a £250 minimum, Midland £100, the rest have no minimum at all.

### Charges

One of the more useful facilities of such an account is to use it for standing orders to pay things like mortgages, insurance premiums and the like. Barclays allow one standing order per account, which must be for more than £20. Lombard and Midland do not allow standing orders or direct debits at all.

Another point to bear in mind is the question of bank charges. Cheques drawn on such accounts with Midland and Standard Chartered are free of charge.

However, as with all of these accounts, you will have to pay for special services such as telegraphic transfers.

Barclays and Lloyds allow one free cheque per quarter, after that you pay 50p per cheque. Lombard give you one free cheque book, after you've used that, then you have to pay 35p per cheque.

### Interest

The other thing to look for when you are considering the interest rate, is how often is it paid. Naturally, the more often the interest is paid into your account, the quicker you start earning interest on the interest, which is where compound interest really gets interesting.

(Sorry about that!) Conversely, if they only pay interest every year, you will effectively be receiving a lower rate than if it were paid monthly.

Lloyds pay interest every month, at a rate which depends on how much you have in your account. The more you have, the higher the rate. Barclays, Standard Chartered and Midland all pay quarterly, again the rate depends on how much money is in the account.

### Stable

Finally, there is the actual interest rate which your deposit will earn. These fluctuate continually, so it isn't worth quoting rates which will be out of date in a matter of weeks.

There are two points to remember. The first is that a high interest current account will always pay less than a fixed term savings account, since it is more flexible.

The current account is not the place to keep vast piles of cash, rather it should be used as a staging post, a place to accumulate a reasonable sum before investing it elsewhere.

Alternatively, you can use the current account for cash you might need at short notice. It will earn a certain amount of interest while it's waiting to be used.

## KD deposit rates barely changed

KUWAITI dinar interbank deposits were barely changed yesterday in a dull market brought on by the European weekend, but some fixed periods displayed a softer tone in response to high market liquidity.

Day-to-day funds remained well-offered, with overnight at 1/1 per cent and tomorrow-next at 1/4 per cent. Spot next was offered at two, then three percent with deals reported at those levels.

### Exerted

Surplus funds had exerted downward pressure on short-term rates on Saturday, while fixed periods had edged up ahead of a KD 100 million issue of three-month Treasury bills on Wednesday.

One to three-month deposits were indicated steady at 6-3/8, 1/8 per cent. Quotes for the six-month eased to 6-1/2, 1/8 per cent from 6-5/8, 3/8 while one-year also slipped to 6-5/8, 1/8 from 6-3/4, 1/8 per cent.

The Central Bank left its dinar exchange rate unchanged at 7.72.47 per cent, while the week climbed 1/4 point to 7-7/8, 3/8 per cent and traded at those levels.

## The Gulf Bank weekly market report

### KD exchange rate easier against dollar

**Kuwaiti dinar**  
Based on last week opening middle market FX rates, the Kuwaiti dinar exchange rate was easier against US dollar during the week at 276.07 fils compared with its week before last closing of 274.63 fils. Against the pound sterling, the dinar was higher ending the week at 501.34 fils compared with its week before last closing of 510.95 fils. The dinar was also firmer against the mark ending the week at 159.67 fils compared with its week before last closing of 160.88 fils.

The dinar was also higher against the Swiss franc ending the week at 191.43 fils compared with its week before last closing at 192.86 fils. As against the Jordanian dinar, the dinar was higher ending the week at 757.39 fils compared with its week before last closing of 763.92 fils. The dinar was mostly unchanged against the GCC currencies.

The Central Bank of Kuwait announced its issue No. 14 for Treasury Bills dated 8/6/1988 of KD 100 million.

### US-dollar

The dollar ended a holiday-shortened week mostly firmer against other major currencies except for the Canadian dollar and the Australian dollar which remained strong and attractive to investors. The dollar rally was underpinned by higher short-term US interest rates and speculation of Fed raising the discount rate which attracted investor interest.

The dollar benefited from a weaker sterling while technical factors continued to fuel the dollar's bullish sentiment. The dollar breached main resistance points against the yen and marked at 125.50 and 1.72 levels.

The set of US economic data released over the week have mostly given the dollar further support.

### Japanese yen

The yen opened the week steady against the US dollar at 124.93/03 yen but broke out of its recent tight trading range to breach resistance at 125.50 yen level during the week lower at 126.03/08 yen against week before last closing of 124.90/95 yen.

Bank of Japan Governor Sumita said that it would be difficult to expect the dollar to keep rising. He also said the bank will keep a close eye on Japanese commodity prices and watch US interest rates.

Japan's (unadjusted) current account surplus fell for the 4th straight month to \$7.12 billion in April from a surplus of \$8.15 a year earlier and \$8.12 billion a month ago, while the unadjusted trade surplus in April fell to a surplus of \$8.49 billion from surpluses of \$8.89 billion a year ago and \$9.24 billion a month ago.

### Deutsche mark

The mark opened the week easier above 1.72 resistance point against the US dollar at 1.7250/60 marks and further weakened to 1.7326/31 before the mark staged a modest recovery closing the week slightly firmer at 1.7277/82 against week before last closing of 1.7165/70 marks.

On the cross rates the mark strengthened against the sterling opening the week at 3.189/192 marks but ending sharply higher at 3.098/100 mark against week before last closing of 3.181/183 marks.

Also against the yen the mark strengthened to end the week at 1.3700/20 marks per 100 against week before last closing of 1.3795/3815. President of Bundesbank saw mark weakness against US dollar as temporary.

### Pound sterling

The pound sterling weakened significantly as the market transferred interest to the dollar. The fall has been attributed by some to a recovery for the mark, while others said that the pound had overreached itself during a period of lethargy for the dollar and had clearly been due for a set back.

## OAPEC convenes ministerial council meeting

THE Ministerial Council of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) yesterday convened its 40th meeting at the General Secretariat headquarters in Kuwait.

The meeting, which was held at the level of ministerial representatives, was chaired by Saleh Said Khawaja, representative of Libya whose turn it is to chair the 1988 session of the council.

### Agenda

Items on the agenda relating to OAPEC activities included listening to a report about the progress of work on the Arab Oil Industry Data Bank.

The council emphasised the need to develop the bank to enable it to fulfil its assigned functions. The council also considered a report about the sixth working meeting between OAPEC and the Commission of the European Communities and issued a directive that these annual meetings focus on strengthening cooperation between the two institutions with the aim of developing the Arab oil and energy industry.

In addition, the council considered the General Secretariat's report about the outcome of the fourth Arab energy conference, which was held in Baghdad from



The OAPEC ministerial council meeting in progress.

March 14 to 17, 1988.

secretariat. It recommended that the conclusions of the conference be used as future guidelines.

The council ratified the organisation's financial statute and approved the final accounts for 1987 of the General Secretariat, the judicial tribunal, and the Arab Petroleum Training Institute.

It also studied the 1987 annual report of the training ins-

titute.

The council expressed its appreciation and thanks to the state of Kuwait for providing facilities that helped create an atmosphere conducive to the meeting's success.

The council decided to hold its forty-first meeting in Kuwait during the last week of November 1988.

## Rajiv seeking more W. German investment

BONN, June 5 (Reuter): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi arrives in West Germany tomorrow seeking greater industrial investment which he believes could also help solve the problem of his country's population explosion.

Rajiv, who will spend three days in talks with political and industrial leaders, told the West German newspaper Die Welt that he was mainly interested in partnerships which produced goods in India for general export or re-export to West Germany.

Rajiv will also address the West German Industrial and Trade Association, a main forum for industrial investment.

### Tribute

Cooperative ventures were needed to expand the economy, whose growth would affect India's birth rate.

Although India planned to continue its birth control programme, even if it had not fulfilled expectations, better education for women and economic growth were more important.

The problem will then be solved automatically, he told Die Welt.

Bonn wants West German firms to involve themselves more in India and for its part the government plans to sign an agreement during the visit making available 700 million marks (\$412 million) to modernise India's Rourkela Steelworks.

The Indian leader told Die Welt, which released excerpts of the interview ahead of Monday publication, that if West German firms did not intensify manufacturing partnerships, India's negative trade balance with the West would only worsen.

He accused European industry of letting chances slip by in India. These had been more quickly recognised and used by Japan, as shown by the close cooperation that had sprung up between the Indian and Japanese car industries.

### Improved

Rajiv said practical cooperation between West Germany and Indian firms would be improved in the near future, a possible reference to complaints from West German industry that Indian bureaucracy made it difficult for them to operate efficiently.

The agreement was part of its policy of supporting social and educational projects for Muslim communities in non-member countries.

### IDB grant

JEDDAH, June 5 (Reuter): The Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank said it signed an agreement today to offer a grant of \$1.467 million to Ghana for educational projects.

The agreement was part of its policy of supporting social and educational projects for Muslim communities in non-member countries.

## KEWAT

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-COMMERCIAL BK	0.248	-----	-----	-----	-----	3
-AHLI BANK	0.290	-----	-----	-----	-----	3
-B.K.M.E	0.305	0.310	0.310	0.310	90000	3
-K.R.E.B.	0.380	-----	-----	-----	-----	3
-BURGAN BANK	0.244	0.242	0.242	0.242	80000	3
-K.F. HOUSE	0.415	0.415	0.415	0.415	140000	3
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-COM. FACILITIES	0.475	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
-AHLIAN INV.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
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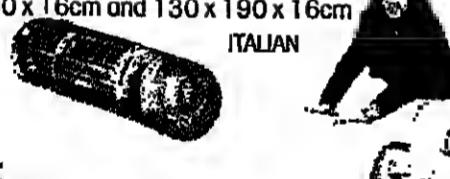
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VICINI'S SIDE GETS A SHOCK BEFORE EURO-TOURNAMENT

# Rush helps Wales surprise Italy



Rush (right): scored the only goal

## HOCKEY

## Britain rout S. Korea for crown

IPOH, Malaysia. June 5. (Reuter): Britain thrashed Asian Games champions South Korea 4-0 today to win the six-nation hockey tournament here.

The Koreans, jaded after their semifinal win on penalties against Pakistan yesterday, were no match for the shrewd British, who produced their best hockey of the tournament despite sweltering heat.

Britain took the lead after only six minutes following a penalty corner. Korean goalkeeper Song Seok-Chan deflected a shot into the path of Martin Grimbley who passed to Sean Kerly. Kerly scored from close range.

The British went 2-0 up in the 13th minute following another penalty corner. Paul Barber collected a rebound off the Korean goalkeeper and made no mistake from a few metres.

## Calmly

A rampant Britain tied up the match 14 minutes after Barber set up Kerly with a fine through pass and Kerly calmly notched his second goal.

South Korea won four penalty corners in the second half but British goalkeeper Ian Taylor produced a string of saves. Barber scored Britain's fourth after 58 minutes following another penalty corner.

British team manager Roger Self was delighted with his players' performance but acknowledged that they were fresher than the Koreans.

"We had the advantage of a rest day before the final and this was a major factor," he said.

Earlier Pakistan clinched third place with a 3-1 win over the Soviet Union. Hosts Malaysia finished last, losing 2-1 to India.

## Waitz strikes path for Seoul with victory

STOCKHOLM, June 5. (Reuter): Former world champion and world record holder Grete Waitz set out on the road to the Seoul Olympics when she won the Stockholm women's marathon by a margin of nearly 14 minutes yesterday.

Norway's Waitz had not been expected to compete in Seoul this year after being unable to defend her world title in Rome last September because of a broken foot.

She said then she did not expect to be good enough for Seoul but her time yesterday of two hours, 28 minutes and 24 seconds was more than four minutes inside the target for Olympic qualification set by Norwegian athletics officials.

## Ahead

Another veteran, Suleiman Nyambui of Tanzania, won the men's marathon, 34 seconds ahead of Brazilian Jose da Silva.

Nyambui, who won the 5,000 metres silver medal at the 1980 Olympics in Moscow, clocked 2:14:26 in the light drizzle.

Behind the top two, who led for most of the race, Soren Hellmark won a three-man battle to become Sweden's new national champion.

The second-fastest woman of the 11,300 runners was Sweden's Jutta Pedersen who clocked 2:42:11.

## Libya triumphs

TUNIS, June 5. (Reuter): Libya beat Burkina Faso 3-0 (halftime 3-0) in Tripoli yesterday in a World Cup African zone first-round first-leg qualifying match, the Tunisian news agency TAP reported.

BRESCIA, Italy, June 5. (Reuter): Ian Rush led Wales to a 1-0 victory over shocked Italy in a soccer friendly yesterday in the Italians' last warm-up game for the European Championship finals.

Wales came to Italy as the underdogs after failing to qualify for the European finals but by playing a tight defensive game they frustrated the home side's numerous attempts to score.

## Determination

The visitors threw almost all their men into defence during much of the first half until a throw-in to the Italian half by Pal van den Hauwe in the 37th minute.

Rush, showing more determination than he displayed during his first season for Italian club Juventus, collected the ball and turned from a seemingly impossible tight position behind defender Giuseppe Bergomi to send the ball into the net beyond the reach of goalkeeper Walter Zenga.

It was Italy's first international defeat for more than six months and came ahead of a tough open-

ing match against hosts West Germany in the championship on Friday.

Italy's Gianluca Vialli, Giuseppe Giannini and Roberto Mancini made a formidable trio up front in the first half, piercing the wall of yellow Welsh shirts with a series of crosses and passes.

But time and again they failed to finish, hitting the post or going wide, while cool and efficient goalkeeping by Andy Norman frustrated their better efforts.

Manager Azeglio Vicini brought on World Cup veteran Alessandro Altobelli and Luigi de Agostini of Juventus in the second half, in place of Vialli and defender Paolo Maldini, to try to inject enthusiasm into the dispirited Italians.

## Inspired

But Wales were now the more inspired side and captain Rush, playing closely with Mark Hughes, almost scored again in the 48th and 55th minutes.

As the 23,000 fans packed into the stadium urged Italy on, Altobelli hit the crossbar with a header in the 64th minute. One minute later Roberto Donadoni

looked certain to score but hit the post and as Italy tried again Mancini went just wide.

Italy failed to find the winning touch despite two corners in the last five minutes and the match ended with a show of bad temper when Zenga hit out with his fist at Clayton Blackmore after a tussle off the ball.

Donadoni was given eight stitches in hospital after falling on his face and suffering a blow on the head from the boot of Hodges 10 minutes from the final whistle.

He also injured his nose and stumbled off the pitch with his hands in his head but doctors said they hoped the 24-year-old midfielder would recover in time to play in West Germany.

## Teams:

Italy — Zenga, Bergomi, Maldini (De Agostini 57th), Baresi, Ferri, Ancelotti, Donadoni (Rizzi 70th) De Napoli, Vialli (Altobelli 45th), Giannini, Mancini.

Wales — Norman, Hall, Blackmore, Williams (Saunders 29th), Aizlewood, Van den Hauwe, Slater, Horne (Hodges 61st), Rush, Hughes, Davies.



Greig: five for 94



Greig: unbeaten 52

## Davis and Bailey shine for Northants

LONDON, June 5. (Reuter): Paceman Winston Davis, not required by the West Indies for their England cricket tour, took five for 94 yesterday as Northamptonshire dismissed Somerset for 215 on the first day of their three-day county cricket championship match.

At the close Northamptonshire were 129 for three in reply with the free-scoring Robert Bailey unbeaten on 58.

Davis, whose importance to Northamptonshire has increased significantly now that veteran Australian pace bowler Dennis Lillee is sidelined for two months through injury, made full use of the well-grassed pitch at Taunton.

## Reduced

In partnership with medium-pacer Duncan Wild, who finished with three for 38, Davis reduced Somerset to 92 for five.

But Australian Test batsman Steve Waugh (37) and Julian Wyatt (30) added 58 in 21 overs, then acting captain Vic Mark cracked 43 in 63 balls to help the home side restore some respectability to the innings.

At Harrogate, Surrey shrugged off the absence through injury of their West Indian paceman Sylvester Clarke and Tony Gray to send Yorkshire tumbling to 103 for seven.

At Lord's: Middlesex v Worcestershire — no play because of rain.

## England seek to prevent defeat in first Test

LONDON, June 5. (Reuter): England, whose highest hopes in years of winning a cricket Test against West Indies seemed justified on Thursday, now seem resigned to trying to prevent an 11th successive defeat.

Captain Mike Gatting criticised his team's application over the first three days and admitted:

"I doubt if we can win it from here — but then it's a funny game."

"It is difficult to know what to do when Viv Richards is in this sort of destructive mood."

West Indies resume tomorrow after the rest day at 264 for four, 19 ahead of England's first innings total. Skipper Richards, who struck a superb 80 yesterday, said that he would be looking for a lead of about 150.

## Appears

"Then we can just hope that the pitch keeps playing a few tricks," he added. "There appears to be some gentle out there doing things. You can't see any particular marks on it, but a few balls are just exploding."

But Sam Isidro proved to be no pushover, running in two tries in the last three minutes to frenzied cheers from the 15,000 crowd at the Velez Sarsfield soccer ground.

The home side kept France in their own territory for the opening 20 minutes of the second half after a tight first 40 minutes in which two penalties by Rafael Madero kept them within five points of the World Cup runners-up and joint Five Nations champions.

But strong French defence kept out the San Isidro forwards, who held their own in scrums and loose play but were outclassed in the line-outs.

The forwards lacked drive and all semblance of control in the loose while the backs seemed devoid of attacking ideas in the muddy conditions.

## Efforts

Apart from an early flourish England were comprehensively outplayed in every facet of the game and all they had to show for their efforts were four penalty goals from the boot of fullback Jonathan Webb.

The forwards lacked drive and all semblance of control in the loose while the backs seemed devoid of attacking ideas in the muddy conditions.

It is also the result of a craving by several teams, including the Messilah Bebe Hotel Microtites, for an early opportunity to wrest the winning cup from the champions, the Hash House Harriers.

It was with the mixture of irritation and relief that the Microtites team discovered yesterday that one of the drums they had been riding on leaked during the competition and was full of water, according to Malcolm Walker of the Messilah Bebe Hotel and the captain of the raft. Irritation because this problem contributed to the team's poor

placing — they came second in the race for 11 men's rafts that did not make the cup final. Relief because they could finally explain why their raft was so slow despite the very encouraging results in the practice runs.

Not only did the water in the drum add to the total weight but it also affected the balance of the raft forcing half of the team to paddle much harder than their mates if they were to keep the raft in line, said Walker.

Prior to the race the Microtites took pride in their raft which was constructed of oil drums and light bamboo poles with enough space between the two sets of drums to allow the rafters to row on both sides.

## Constructed

The Hash House Harriers contributed much of their success to their well-constructed raft especially its bow. Theirs was also one of the only two rafts with a rudder.

The Harriers, who unlike

many other competitors paddled with well-co-ordinated strokes,

are expected to be formidable

opponents to any team with an eye on the winning cup.



Gatting: criticises team

"The last few days have given us a lot of confidence. I don't suppose England will be sleeping soundly knowing there is that little genie in the pitch doing the odd thing when you least expect it," Richards said.

Gatting was less critical of his inexperienced bowlers than of England's batting collapse when they lost their last five wickets on Friday morning for only 25 runs.

"I think we could have knuckled down a bit better with the bat," he said.

"Over the three days the West Indies have bowled fewer bad balls than us, played fewer loose shots and our fielding could have been better."

Gatting's bowling options were limited by Graham Dilley's apparent inability to find the swing that Marshall had rippled into the bowlers. England's chances seemed to rest with the weather that has already prevented some five hours' play.

The Mets' Jeff Innis, 1-1, pitched two innings for his first Major League victory. Mike Capel, 1-1, took the loss.

Chicago, trailing 3-0 but scored each in the eighth and ninth, taking the lead on Manny Trillo's two-run single. But Gary Carter retired the game with a run-scoring single in the bottom of the ninth. Each team scored an unearned run in the 11th.

Reds 6, Dodgers 2

Paul O'Neill's three-run homer with two outs in the top of the ninth gave the Cincinnati Reds a 5-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Barry Larkin led off with a single off Orel Hershiser, 7-3. One out later, Kal Daniels grounded out two first basemen Mike Marshall, who touched first, then threw late to second in an attempt to get Larkin. After Hershiser hit Eric Davis in the helmet with a pitch, O'Neill drove his third homer of the season over the 360-foot sign in right field.

Giants 8, Astros 2

Mike Aldrete's two-run homer in the fourth inning and Matt Williams' Grand Slam in the sixth sent San Francisco past Houston. Nolan Ryan, 5-3, struck out 10 batters for the 17th time in his career but also allowed both homers.

## BASEBALL ROUNDUP

### Orioles overcome Yankees

NEW YORK, June 5. (AP): A throwing error by third baseman Mike Paglialoro on Cal Ripken's grounder in the 14th inning with two outs and the bases loaded scored three runs as the Baltimore Orioles defeated the New York Yankees 7-6 last night.

The game, which lasted 5 hours and 46 minutes, was the longest in the Major Leagues this season and was the first Baltimore won in a three-game series against an East Division team after 13 losses.

In other American League games, it was Toronto 10, Boston 2; Chicago 10, Texas 8; Detroit 5, Cleveland 2; Kansas City 4, Seattle 3; Oakland 6, Minnesota 4; and Milwaukee 1.

Doug Sisk, 2-2, the fourth Baltimore pitcher, was the winner despite allowing two runs in the top of the 14th.

On a 3-2 pitch from Cecilio Guante, Ripken lined the ball to Paglialoro, who made a diving stop but threw wildly past first baseman Gary Ward, scoring all three runners.

Rickey Henderson stole his Major League-leading 40th base.

Blue Jays 10, Red Sox 2

Jim Clancy shut out Boston for 7 2/3 innings and Kelly Gruber hit a three-run home run in the Blue Jays' seven-run ninth as the Blue Jays beat the Red Sox 10-2.

At Ebbaston: Warwickshire 185 for four (G. Humpage 58, A. Stiles 56 not out) v Nottinghamshire.

At Harrogate: Yorkshire 103 for seven (P. Rohrman 41 not out) v Surrey.

At Lord's: Middlesex v Worcestershire — no play because of rain.

At Liverpool: Hampshire 285 for six (P. Terry 74, J. Aylng 68 not out) v Lancashire.

At Taunton: Somerset 215 all out (W. Davis five for 92), Northamptonshire 129 for three (R. Biley 58 not out).

At Horsham: Sussex 247 for six (P. Terry 74, R. Aylng 68 not out) v Lancashire.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Spanish soccer

MADRID, June 5. (Reuter): Real Oviedo won promotion to the Spanish Soccer League's First Division today when they drew the second leg of a relegation playoff with Real Mallorca 0-0 to win 2-1 on aggregate.

Oviedo group after 13 seasons in the second while Real Mallorca are relegated after only two years in the First Division.

## America's Cup

SAN DIEGO, June 5. (Reuter): Skipper Dennis Conner today said at the christening of the catamaran Stars and Stripes, in which he hopes to defend the America's Cup, that he wants to get yachting's most prestigious event out of the courts and into the water.

## Edberg wins

MANCHESTER, England, June 5. (Reuter): Sweden's Stefan Edberg repeated his 1987 victory in the Manchester grass-court tennis tournament to the letter today when he defeated American Kevin Curren 6-3 6-4 in the men's final.

## Cycle race

BORMIO, Italy, June 5. (Reuter): Andy Hampsten of the United States struggled through driving snow and freezing cold today to take the lead in the Giro d'Italia cycle race after a 14th stage that left 10 of his riders broken and in tears.

## Milk Race

LLANUDNO, Wales, June 5. (AP): Soviet cyclist Vassily Zhadanov became the first rider to win two rounds of the 1988 Milk Race yesterday, when he sprinted to victory in the sixth stage.

## French Derby

CHANTILLY, June 5. (Reuter): Hours after the horse trainer Patrick Biancone never lost faith in, won the Prix Du Jockey Club, the French Derby, today.

## Daley Thompson

DERBY, England, June 5. (AP): Olympic decathlon champion Daley Thompson disappointed a 3,000-strong crowd yesterday when he failed to appear in the pole vault competition at the HFC UK Bank Championships.

## E. German Cup

EAST BERLIN, June 5. (Reuter): Dynamo Berlin, soccer league champions for the 10th season on the trot, clinched the double for the first time yesterday when they won the East German Cup final with two goals in extra time against Carl Zeiss Jena.

## Swiss draw

BASEL, Switzerland, June 5. (Reuter): Switzerland and Spain drew 1-1 (halftime 0-1) in a soccer international here yesterday. Scorers: Switzerland — Beat Suter (62nd min); Spain — Andrius (44th).

## Nations Cup

HICKSTEAD, England, June 5. (Reuter): Result of the Nations Cup showjumping event here today: 1. France 9-1/2 faults, 2. Netherlands 12, 3. Britain 16, 4. Ireland 24, 5. West Germany 24, 6. Italy 36-1/2.

## Toledo Classic

TOLEDO, Ohio, June 5. (Reuter): Nancy Lopez shot a three-under-par 69 yesterday to retain her one stroke lead over Britain's Laura Davies after three rounds of the \$275,000 Jamie Farr Toledo Classic golf tournament.

## Title fight

OSAKA, Japan, June 5. (Reuter): World Boxing Council (WBC) strawweight champion Hiroki Ioka of Japan made his second successful defence of the title when he drew with Thai challenger Napa Katwanchai in a 12-round bout today.

## Kirin Cup

TOKYO, June 5. (AP): West Germany's Bayer 04 Leverkusen, winner of the UEFA Cup, blanked the Japanese national team 1-0 today in the Kirin Cup soccer tournament, while Flamengo of Brazil tied the Chinese national team 1-1. Bayer and Flamengo are to meet in the tournament's final match at Tokyo's National Stadium on Tuesday.

## Triple jump

JENA, East Germany, June 5. (Reuter): Veteran Soviet triple jumper Gennady Vayukovich set the best mark of the season so far with a 17.44 metre effort at an East German athletics meeting yesterday.

## French soccer

PARIS, June 5. (Reuter): Monaco won their fifth French League soccer title yesterday by six points from arch-rivals Bordeaux, despite losing 2-0 to hosts Marseille.

## NAVATILOVA WINS FRENCH OPEN DOUBLES FOR 50TH GRAND SLAM TITLE

## Wilander routs Leconte for singles crown



Navratilova: won her 50th Grand Slam crown



Wilander holds aloft the winner's trophy. (Reuter wirephoto)

PARIS, June 5. (Reuter): Mats Wilander of Sweden took his third French Open men's singles title today with a surprisingly easy straight sets victory over Henri Leconte of France.

Wilander, playing virtually faultless tennis to wrap up a 7-5 6-2 6-1 win in one hour and 52 minutes, took complete control after an early flurry of service breaks gave the Frenchman a chance to serve for the first set at 5-4.

With the 16,500-strong crowd fervently hoping for a repeat of the 1983 final when Wilander lost to popular favourite Yannick Noah of France, Leconte appeared to crack under the pressure.

"It was very important for Henri to win the first set," Wilander said. "He looked like he felt the pressure. He needed to relax — I think he got very tense."

Previous

Wilander, who also has three Australian Open titles, has now won the French Open three times, at three-year intervals. His previous victories came in 1982 and 1985.

At the young age of 23, he has now won six Grand Slam titles — as many as world number one Ivan Lendl and only one fewer than John McEnroe.

Leconte, who played well in a highly entertaining first set, said: "I'm very disappointed. I couldn't play the game I'd like to have played. It was Mats who made me play bad — that's the strength of his game."

But Leconte won a cheer from the crowd when he picked up his loser's trophy and said: "I'll be back next year — and I'll win."

The ease and swiftness of the match invited comparisons with yesterday's women's final when

Wilander

had started with the

clear intention of attacking

Leconte's more vulnerable

backhand.

But the Frenchman, playing

his usual aggressive game, made

the first break to lead 3-1. Wilan-

der came back, winning three games in a row for the loss of just three points. But in the ninth game the Frenchman broke to love to serve for the set at 5-4.

Wilander broke serve after

Leconte double-faulted to give

him two break points. The Swede

then held serve and broke again

to 30 to take the set.

As the second set opened

Wilander, using the experience of

10 Grand Slam finals, began to

take charge completely.

He broke to love in the second

game and then held serve to win

his sixth successive game and

take a 3-0 lead.

Leconte, probably bothered

by gusting winds, was misfiring

badly and was clearly finding it

difficult to cope with the Swede's

persistent accuracy and virtually

error-free play.

The Frenchman got a big cheer

when he held a service game to

come back to 3-1 but was soon

in trouble when serving to save

the set at 5-2.

Wilander broke to love to take

the set 6-2 in 33 minutes, winning

on the first set point with a

brilliant cross-court backhand

which landed right on the line.

Leconte's misery continued in

the third set when he lost his

opening service game on a dou-

ble fault to go 2-0 behind. He

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the next three games and was

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